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#### Melies' Burglary.

At the time of writing nothing has been heard of the negatives and films stolen from this firm, a complete list of which we published in our last issue. We call upon the whole trade throughout the States to be on the alert, and become in a sense detectives, to help find the miscreants and bring them to justice. Some one remarked that probably a film pirate had secured them for the purpose of re-titleing them and putting them on the market under a new name. We know there are men in the business who are dishonorable enough to copy films and slides, retailing them as their own productions. We do not think there is any one in the business who would take such a risk of selling positives from stolen goods. Kleine Optical Company, of Chicago, have circularized all their customers, giving a list of the films stolen. A good plan for others to follow.

#### Last Week's Editorial.

A correspondent asks us if we know the man fined and, if so, why we did not publish the correct name. We are perfectly acquainted with the man, but preferred not to use the correct name, as no good end would have been accomplished. We copied the report of the trial from a press clipping and we wished to emphasize the fact that the film ought not to have been issued, and whoever the man is, his fine ought to be paid by the maker.

#### A Clean Nickelodeon.

We observe that Chicago reformers, headed by Miss Jane Addams, are going to show the proprietors of nickelodeons how to give a clean exhibition. The whole plan was outlined at a meeting of the City Club, the object being to purify and elevate the five-cent theater, which one of the speakers declared "was an institution come to stay." "It is all right and all it needs is to be regulated," The project received the blessings of the Bench and the Church. We will watch the progress of the venture and wish it all success. But the pity of the whole matter is, that a great and growing industry like this ngeds such an example and so severe a public reprimand as the above action is, and hope the lesson will not be lost, although we think to make it effective the new venture should keep the Sunday exhibitions out of its programme.

Owing to the great demand on our space this week, several interesting film descriptions are held till next issue.

#### Electricity for the Operator.

By H. MEREDITH-JONES, M. E., C. E.

#### PREFACE.

The electrical knowledge of most operators of the cinematograph or magic lantern is limited in most cases to simply knowing how to connect up his own especial form or type of machine properly, adjust his carbons in his lamp, and regulate the current by means of his resistance coils or rehostat. It is the intention of the writer of these series of articles to make clear as well as simple the so-called mysteries of that ever absorbing topic "Electricity," to show the operator the why and wherefore of it all. How electricity is measured, manufactured and transmitted to the user. It is the desire of the writer to be as concise as possible, consistent with the requisite amount of explanation, to make the subject of electricity a more easily understood one in popular language.

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#### CHAPTER No. 1.

#### THE FORMS OF ELECTRICITY.

Electricity is at present an unknown substance so far as its exact nature is concerned, that is as to what electricity really consists of, such as we know, for instance, of water, clay, coal and other kindred substances. We know definitely its various forms, such as static, frictional, voltaic, direct, alternating, etc., but it will only be in connection with the two latter that I shall write, as they are those which are so well known and only come directly in the field of the operator's every-day work, as they are the only ones now supplied by all light, heat and power companies to the daily users of electric current, or "juice," as most operators call the electrical energy

Although we do not know definitely, as I have just stated, what electricity exactly is, we do know how to produce it, measure it, use it, control it and even weigh it. These various methods will be fully explained in their respective chapters in such a manner as to meet the entire needs of the cinematograph or magic lantern operator, and in these chapters I shall only treat with sufficient of the subject under its caption to make the operator thoroughly conversant with, and able to handle any proposition he may meet with in his lifetime. The obscure and the unnecessary are omitted, as they concern only the electrical engineer or the student.

Before passing to the two main forms of electrical energy as supplied and used everywhere to-day, viz., the direct current, familiarly known as the D. C., and the alternating current, familiarly known as the A. C., let us pause for a moment and study the close analogy or similarity between the flow of an electric current through a

conductor or wire to the flow of water through a pipe You all know, of course, that water to flow through pipe must have a pressure behind it to overcome the resistance of the pipe, so exactly does an electric current need a pressure behind it to force it through and to overcome the resistance of the conductor or wires and to perform certain work in any form of apparatus. By referring to the following diagram which will show more clearly what is meant by the for-going remarks and will well illustrate the similarity to



Fig. I.

tween them. In Fig. 1 let A represent the source of su ply either of water or some like liquid. Now as then sistance of the pipe retards the flow the pressure will deep and therefore less water will flow, so in Fig. 1. I di grammatically show by means of upright tubes branchin from the main pipe and by the height of a column water in each tube show the amount of water th would be supported by the pressure at that give point which results from loss of pressure due to the friction or resistance within the pipe, so it is with elec tricity, the pressure drops in direct relation to the n sistance to be overcome, as, for instance: In Fig. 2, Bre. recents some source of electrical energy, such as dynamo, generator, switchboard, or panel, with two or



ductors or wires branching therefrom with lamps plant in parallel between the wires or conductors, as in the plan of the columns of water in Fig. 1. Now the bay nearest to B will burn the brightest since it is neare the source of energy supply and the one at the treme end will burn the dimmest because the pressure will have been weakened by the resistance of the ductor or wire, as its distance is greater from its sou of supply than it is in the case of the first la Although in general practice it is usual to mi all conductors and wires of a size large enough to prevent any serious loss of pressure so that all lam would burn uniformly in brightness, but this subject w be treated more fully under chapter No. 3, on wires, of ductors and wiring tables, but suffice it to remember, the like water, electricity falls in pressure or potential sometimes referred to) in a direct relation or proport to the resistance to be overcome and that the current likewise affected and altered in quantity in direct profi tion to the above two named factors as, for instance, resistance being constant and uniform, you increase y pressure more current will flow, or if the pressure constant and you decrease your resistance more cum will flow, and thereby is constituted a well-known electrical law, known as "Ohm's Law," which positively the simplest as well as the most family mental law or principle upon which any science ever based and is unchangeable under all conditions

onsists as follows of the three above-named points or actors, viz.: The pressure, the current and the resistance. The law is simply this, that the current multiplied by the esistance equals the pressure, so, therefore, if you were iven any of these three factors or units you can readily not the third, as, for instance:

To find the pressure required, multiply the current by the resistance.

To find the current that will flow, divide the pressure we the resistance.

To find the resistance necessary to absorb the pressure and current, divide the pressure by the current.

To put these in a still better form and one easily remembered as a formula, we will call the pressure by the tter P. The current by the letter C. The resistance by the letter R.

Thus:
P = Pressure, or Volts.
C = Current, or Amperes.

R = Resistance, or Ohms.

Then, as above stated, ——— = Ohm's Law.

To those who do not understand a simple formula of is kind I may here explain it. When two or more letters presenting some certain quantities as per the heading of he formula, as shown by P, C, and R, for example, hey are to be either multiplied, added or subtracted, coording to the sign given between them, such as for multiply, + for addition and - for subtraction, nd sometimes two letters may be placed together withat a sign between them, which means they are to be ultiplied together, unless otherwise stated in the headg of the formula. The placing of two or more letters ith their signs above a line as shown with one or more tters below that line shows that what is above the line ust be divided by what is below the line, first working at by the signs given the top lines and then working out e bottom line and then dividing the result of the bottom ie into the result of the top line and you get the iswer. So much for this simple lesson in algebra algebraic formula, which is the most convenient form not only remembering formulas, but of working em out. Remember whenever you see any formula this nature there always precedes it the description what each letter represents, so that by referring to at description all becomes clear. Remember also that ese and all formulæ that follow are merely simple sums do and will only be shown as such. Therefore, reembering the foregoing method, Ohm's Law simplifies elf into three formulas, viz. : To find the Pressure required,

 $C \times R = P$ , THE PRESSURE.

For example, what pressure (volts) will be required make a current of 12 amperes flow through a resistce of 100 ohms?

C=12 amperes in this example, and R=100 ohms; therefore, as per above formula, if we multiply the irrent, 12 amperes, by the resistance, 100 ohms, we get 200 volts pressure, the answer.

To find the Current that will flow,

$$\frac{P}{R}$$
 =C, THE CURRENT.

Taking above example again to find what current will with a pressure of 1,200 volts and a resistance of ohms:

P=1,200 ohms in this example, and R=100 ohms; so, therefore, as per formula above, if we divide the pressure, 1,200 volts, by the resistance, 100 ohms, we get 12 amperes as the answer.

To find the Resistance required,

$$\frac{P}{C}$$
 = R, THE RESISTANCE.

Again the above example; to find the resistance required to absorb the pressure of 1,200 volts, with a current flowing of 12 amperes:

P=1,200 volts in this example, and C=12 amperes; so, therefore, as per the above formula, if we divide the pressure, 1,200 volts, by the current, 12 amperes, we get 100 ohms resistance.

By remembering the above formula any operator can work out for himself the various units he may require to adjust accurately for all practical purposes any apparatus, so that it will work properly; also he can find out either the resistance of any apparatus, say a lamp, for instance, or the pressure required for it or the quantity of current it will require by knowing any one of the two factors or units, as, for example, an incandescent lamp of 100 volts pressure and a resistance of 200 ohms. By Ohm's Law we have:

$$\frac{P}{R} = C = \frac{100}{200} = .5$$
 amperes, or  $\frac{1}{2}$  ampere.

It is presumed that all of you know the use of the decimal point through its use in dollars and cents, but to those to whom it is not quite clear remember all numbers to the right hand of the decimal point, which is always a dot, are as follows: The first figure starting from the decimal point going to the right represents tenths, the next hundredths, the next thousandths and so on, but there are usually not more than three decimals shown, so in working out the last example .5 would read five-tenths. which is exactly ½ (one-half) in fractions; .05 would read five one-hundredths, and .005 would read five one-thousandths, in fractions. We will now pass on to a brief description of the two forms of electrical energy that we shall have to deal with in our every-day work and the rest of these articles, viz.: The direct current or D. C. and the alternating current or A. C. The direct current is that current which flows steadily in the one direction, as upon referring to the following diagram,



Fig. 3, it would be that current which would flow steadily from A to B through the lamp. A and B representing the two points of electrical supply, such as the two terminals of an electrical generator or the two terminals or connections on a switchboard or panel and extending from points A and B are two wires or conductors to a lamp, for sake of a simple illustration. Remember a direct current is that current which flows constantly in

the one direction from A to B without a beat or pulsation. An alternating current is a current that will flow first from A to B, then reverses and starts back again to A from B, or, in popular language, just like two children on a see-saw. These see-saws or alternations may occur fast or slow, either at a very high or slow rate per second of our common or daily time. A complete see-saw or alternation consists of the current first flowing from A to B in the one direction and then from B to A back again in the other direction. This is called a complete alternation or "cycle" and an alternating current is known by the number of "cycles," which, by the way, when spoken of are always understood and meant to be as so many complete see-saws or alternations per second, always remembering the second of time (the one-sixtieth part of a minute) is the unit of measurement. are other forms of electrical energy known in the alternating current or A. C. and they are known as the "Phases, but this will be dealt with at length under their proper heading of Chapter 5, entitled "Alternating Current Gen eration," when it will be shown the why, how and where for of them; also how they occur. The subject of alternating currents is a most fascinating and absorbing one and is still in its infancy, but we can in this work deal only with its practical application to use of the cinematograph or magic lantern operator. Having thus made clear the two forms of electrical energy in daily use of the operator and the fundamental law of Ohm, in its application to the flow of all electric currents or energy, we will now naturally pass on to the method of electrical units of measurement now in general practice and use throughout the entire civilized world and their application to electrical energy or "juice."

Miss Jane Addams is going into the theatrical business. She believes that there is a good field on South Halsted street, and on or before July 1 she will open a theater at Hull House. The uniform price of admission will be five cents. The place will be open from 6 to 11 o'clock each evening and all day Saturday and Sunday. [Where does the reform come in, to open on Sunday?—ED. M. P. W.] It is billed to run three months. The chairs are in tiers and seat about three hundred persons.

There will be a "barker" on the street and an electric sign over the door. Nothing to induce patronage will be left undone. Only attractive, amusing, edifying and moral pictures will be shown. The idea is to combat the influence of those five-cent theaters where pictures of a different character are displayed.

. Judge Julian W. Mack, of the Juvenile Court, is highly in favor of Miss Addams' proposed venture. "This is a plan which might well be copied by the churches," he

declared.

Miss Addams' plan was outlined at a meeting at the City Club of the committee appointed by several societies to co-operate with the police in the censorship and regulation of cheap theaters and vaudeville houses. After personal inspection of sixty such theaters, Mrs. Britton gave it as her opinion that the work done by Lieutenant Alexander McDonald and his twelve policemen had resulted in much good. There are few, if any, theaters patronized by children where the pictures, songs or jokes are really objectionable, she said, though some of them are very silly and coarse. "The five-cent theater is an institution and it has come to stay," declared Mrs. Britton "It is all right and all it needs is to be regulated."

Lieutenant McDonald reported that in Chicago there are 116 five-cent theaters, 18 ten-cent vaudeville houses

and 19 penny arcades.



Miles Bros., of New York and San Francisco, have been gathering material of the Fiesta and the Shriner Conclave at Los Angeles for cinematograph exhibitions An excellent collection of films has been secured. The representatives of the company state that the pictures will be exhibited in the leading vaudeville theaters of the country and will also be sent to Europe. A large number of standing orders from English managers are on hand and their advertising and pulling power will do much to make the City of Angels talked about. As the last of the parade passed 200 feet of unused film remained in the machine, and the operators told the crowds to wave their hats and show how Californians can root. Men and women immediately got busy, waving hats and hankerchiefs, and the remaining film was used up in a now manner. Surrounding the camera stand at least fift amateur photographers had their lenses pointed along the parade line.

The building at the corner of Oak and Congress streta Portland, Me., has been purchased by a close corporation consisting of J. W. Greely and another Portland busine man and a New York promoter. The building will be entirely remodeled and refitted for a motion picture the atter of the higher class.

The Mesaba Theatrical Company has leased the for floor of the Karon building, Chisholm, and will open vaudeville and moving picture show, which will be know as the Bijous and will be under the management of F.O Whiting.

Boswell Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Ill., is on sidering the establishment of a plant in Memphis, Temfor manufacturing moving picture films.

Port Clinton now has two moving picture shows, the second one being conducted by Messrs. D. E. Payne at Walter Pete in Turner Hall.

The new theater on the ground floor of the Corpilock, Fifth street, Red Jacket, Mich., opened last we and will be known as "The Star," and is under the magement of James W. Silk, formerly manager of the Savoy Theater, of Hancock and Houghton. There to be moving pictures, illustrated songs, and from time time other features. It is the intention to have a first class line of films on exhibition, and no expense is the spared in any one department.

The shrieks of a woman drew tenants of 41 Nasstreet, New York, to the fourth floor recently in a grorush, and they crowded into the anteroom of the off Walter Isaacs, a moving picture man, whence is the alarm. In the inner room they saw Isaacs, weighs 200 pounds, and a woman who could balance is the property of the same of the words of the w

taring she blockaded the doorway, opened a small satchel screaming all the time—and produced a dog whip. The title man wisely ducked into a corner. The whip cracked nd sizzled, and when the big man would try to escape the little man would push him into range. "Call the ops!" roared the tenants, when they saw the big man was penned in. Cops came and took all three, the woman till screaming, to the Tombs Police Court. The woman vas Mrs. Lena Hoffman, of 21 Bergen avenue, inion Hill, N. J., and her auxiliary was Henry Linhart, of Hackensack. They had called to get the number of moving picture machine that had been stolen from hem, and Isaacs had refused to give it until a \$5 balance . was paid. Mrs. Hoffman had purchased a dog whip, for use at home," as she explained in court, and it came handy. Magistrate Crane held the pair in \$300 bail or trial.

(What a pity there was not a camera at work on this cene! It would have made good copy .- ED.]

The premises at 36 Falls street, Niagara Falls, N. Y. ave been fitted up as a Vaudeville Arcade and opened the public. This new enterprise is conducted by the alls Amusement Company, and the latest moving picures, vocal and instrumental songs, weighing machines, ing testers, etc., have been installed.

Charged with the systematic robbery of two places where poving picture outfits are manufactured, Fred. Betchenhofer, of Seeds street, west of Sixty-sixth, and Stephen arton, of Thirteenth street, below Porter, were arrested nd locked up in the Central Station, Philadelphia. In ddition to accusing the men, both of whom were in his mploy, of getting away with films, printing machines and materials valued at from \$2,000 to \$3,000, S. Lubin, f 21 South Eighth street, proprietor of the factories, aimed that the men had conspired with a third party steal the secret processes used by him in preparing oving picture machines and scenery. As the other party the alleged conspiracy has not been captured, the police fused to give out any information, but from Mr. Lubin was learned that his suspicions were first aroused hen he heard that the two men arrested, with another an, had formed a company to manufacture the same d printing machines disappearing, as well as valuable laterials, he reported the matter to the Detective Bureau. fter a week's hard work, Detectives Ulrich and Coogan rested the men. Betchenshofer was a developer of lms and Barton was a painter of backgrounds.

Taking Moving Pictures: A Story from Abilene .good story is going the rounds of how Messrs. Cramer Tyler made a picture (?) of a snow-plow last Winter ring the deep snow of January. The story goes as blows: During the idle Winter hours last Winter these ell-known gentlemen conceived the idea that local movg pictures would be more interesting than foreign ews, and with this end in view Mr. Tyler and one of e moving picture operators went to Orange, N. J., the some and factory of Thos. Edison, and secured the best tamera" that was made and had it safely packed in indry boxes and packages and started Kansasward, with eams of pictures that would startle the whole world. triving at Abilene, the machine was set up and a few ctures taken, "just to try out the joint," to use Mr.

Now, I beg of you, be calm. Do not fight. Let me be Tyler's words. Then came the heavy snow-storm and wour peacemaker." When the woman saw all the men with it came the idea of a big snow-plow in operation in moving pictures, and it was conceded that it would be a big hit in July. So one cold morning when the mercury was at the bottom of the globe and trying hard to get out at that, Messrs. Cramer, Tyler, Doc. Merkel, of Alps fame, and Jack Pollitt, manager of the Wild Animal Circus and "a Kentucky gentleman, sah," started up the track west of Abilene to a deep cut four miles away where the big rotary snow-plow was to come tearing through twenty feet of the "beautiful." It was the coldest day last Winter, but that mattered not to the "picture takers. On and on in the cold until the place is reached and the camera set up ready to take the picture. Then, nearly frozen, they waited for the coming of the path maker. At last they are rewarded by the far-off whistle of the locomotive, and everybody got busy. The electrician took his stand by the machine, ready for the word "commence"; then the trouble began. Mr. Tyler insisted on "making the picture," and after some argument was allowed to do so. On, on came the train, throwing snow fifty feet in the air. It was indeed a grand sight. Every thing is ready, and "Harley," with a look of confidence on his face, began to turn the crank that makes the "movement" of the pictures. Everything is going nicely, the big plow hits the drift and then passes on its way westward on its path-making journey. Everybody is happy and congratulates each other, when lo, and behold, a strange thing happened. Tyler had forgotten to remove the cap from the camera, and their work was in vain. It was a silent quartet of men that trudged through the deep snow back to Abilene, and when any one mentions "snow-plow" they jam their hands down in their pockets, look at Mr. Tyler, and slowly walk away.

> Harry Davis, the Pittsburg capitalist, who some time ago secured a lease of forty-one years on the Kanter building and took actual possession of the property the first of the present month, will in all probability occupy the block or part of it with an amusement enterprise. Mr. Davis was in town for several days looking over his property and, it is understood, since his return to Pittsburg, has decided to remodel the first and second floors and install one of the most elaborate picture machine theaters in the United States. The Pittsburger is extensively interested in amusement concerns, including several theaters, and has decided that there is room in Detroit for an enterprise of the sort mentioned on a large scale. The entire building will be remodeled, but only the first and second floors will be utilized for the amusement enterprise. The present second floor will be eliminated entirely to give the space required, and it is said that Mr. Davis will spend about \$40,000 in converting the two floors into an elaborate amusement resort.

> At the Orange Camera Club on a recent Saturday night nearly 200 members and guests gathered to enjoy a smoker given under the auspices of the club, and in every way the entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. The feature of the evening was "Scenes and Incidents in the Hawaiian Islands," which consisted of moving pictures by R. K. Bonine, of this city. Mr. Bonine took the pictures himself, and as each one was thrown upon the screen it was given a very hearty reception. The landing of the passengers by means of whaleboats from the vessel to the shore was shown, and an interesting exhibit was given of the method of handling sheep at Hummuula, one of the many wool stations on

the famous Parker ranch, a vast tract of mountainous land, embracing 280,000 acres, located on the island of Hawaii. Other scenes depicted the process of "nipping" the sheep in a long sluice filled with an antiseptic solution, and the method of herding them in large droves. Sugar plantation scene, with its well-equipped steam railroad and the natives cutting and hauling the cane from the field to the mill. The last scene showed a steam train of crib cars heavily loaded with the product en route from the fields to the mill, completing a graphic history of the canefields. Other pictures were pounding poi, which when cooked makes a very nutritious dish; the native canoes in the surf at Hilo Bay; Japanese wrestling, one of the principle pastimes of the natives; Pau riders, a relic of the old regime, with all the decorations. For wild, natural beauty there is perhaps no place throughout the Hawaiian Islands more picturesque or impressive than the graceful cocoanut palms and the rugged, wave-beaten lava coast of Laupahoihoi. This is a most excellent scene, showing a steamer landing her mail and passengers in one of the roughest and most dangerous surf landings along the Hawaiian coast. A very interesting study in the beauty and power of sea waves, as they roll up and pound and break over the rough lava rocks at Laupahoihoi, was also shown. The approach to this place from the sea is most charming. The quaint little village nestled back in the gulch among graceful plume-topped cocoanut trees and the rough surging surf below make up a picture never forgotten.

The Enterprise Amusement Company, of Auburn, N. Y., have rented the store at 69 Church street, Burlington, for the purpose of exhibiting life motion pictures. Sidney Weaver will be the manager.

The Sperry & Hutchinson Company, Baltimore, Md., has leased for a term of years to Bohannan & Lewy the four-stopy building at 31 West Lexington street, who will take possession June 1 and will operate a moving picture theater.

Collins & King have just let a contract for the construction of a one-story building, 60 x 90 feet, on West Pine street, Hattiesburg, Miss., especially for the accommodation of an electric theater. W. R. Parker, the original moving picture man in Hattiesburg, will be the manager. The new theater will be in operation within thirty days.

The Gem Amusement Company, under the management of P. J. Bruskey, opened their moving picture parlor on North Laurel street, Bridgeton, N. J., a few days ago. The opening was very successful and at every performance the place is crowded.

The coolness of George Hunter, proprietor of a nickelodeon at 4115 Butler street, Pittsburg, Pa., and his pianoplayer, in the face of danger saved an audience from panic the other night when the moving picture film fired and set fire to a curtain. The flames were spreading rapidly through the room. Hunter leaped to the platform and assured the audience there was plenty of time to get out. At the same time the piano player struck up a lively tune, and their combined efforts served to calm the rightnend people. Ushers succeeded in getting every one out safely. Harry Wills, the operator of the machine, was slightly burned about the hands and face. The damage to the building was about \$600.

Two men who have been seen in the company of Jams Carter, alias "Jimmy the Gas," ex-convict, were arrespectively two of acting Capt, McCauley's men at 11 Union street. They had called at the store and offered for six charge told them she never bought anything without consulting her husband. The men said they would return in the evening. The storekeeper notified the police, and the officers were in a doorway when the men called Once more the woman declined to buy. The pair let and were nabbed with the films in their possession. The officers recognized them as men who had been seen in Carter's company recently. The prisoners gave the names as Charles Gilbert and Joseph Smith. They wen held for examination at the Adams Street Court. Recently there have been numerous robberies, in which thousands of feet of film were stolen. Only a few dan ago \$500 worth was stolen from Doyle's Hotel at Cong Island.

Insurance Commissioner Young, of Raleigh, N. C. says he considers it very important that the authorities the different cities and towns in the State, as well a the property holders, should be warned in regard to advanger known as Moving Picture Hazard. Where paties are allowed to operate these machines great on should be taken in using them properly, and seeing the are properly installed. They are very hazardous because the films are made of celluloid and they are sometime as long as 8,000 feet. The danger from fire is not only to the building but to the audience also. Frequently, where properly installed, accidents will occur from igner amay fires have occurred. The Commissioner says agree many fires have occurred from this cause through the country, resulting in the loss of property and frequently of life.

L. David, an inventor, is perfecting a new moving picture machine with a phonograph attachment by which he declares he can secure a perfect co-ordination of sour and motion. He expects to have it completed in a wel and will then make the first test by reproducing a strescene. By the phonographic attachment he claims he will be able to give the appropriate noises and sound to go with the moving pictures thrown on a sheet. Daw says he is able by an improved camera to take a record of sounds and scenes simultaneously.

Charles Hodge, a well-known young Cairo man, be metased a half interest in the Theatorium, the popular numernent place at the corner of Eleventh street at Commercial avenue. Mrs. H. P. Sims will retain be interest in the Theatorium and will continue in its magagement, Mr. Hodge having bought out the interest e Earl Welley, of Crawfordsville, Ind.

While the performance was in progress at the Daniel (III.) Exhibit on a recent Saturday evening, some micreant cut the electric wires from the roof of the play house. The hall was placed in darkness and the moving picture machine rendered idle. With a large audient awaiting the completion of the program, Manager Samhurriedly ascended to the "box" where the machine located and with his operator examined the mechanist It was found to be in perfect condition and all that we lacking after a test had been made was electric posterior.

The manager went up on the roof of the building and discovered that some one had severed his wires. Mr. Stamm then returned to the floor of the hall, announced what had happened and offered a reward of \$50 for the discovery of the offender. The matter was then placed in the hands of the police. It was but a matter of a few minutes until the wires were mended, and the program was completed.

Evanston, Ill., has now a permanent house for moving sictures at 613 Davis street, of a strictly high class, being both entertaining and instructive. There will be travels in all parts of the world—climbing the Alps, journey through Italy, Egypt, India, Holy Land, etc. Then there will be battleships in action, views of mines with miners in actual operation, the chase in hunting scenes, and no end of interesting subjects. There will also be comic ordered by the control of the children, but nothing which will offend the most fastidious. It is under the management of C Maisel and H. Karsten

The motion picture craze has struck Oil City. Two of these places of entertainment are open to the public, me on Seneca street and another on Sycamore street. The third will open on Sycamore street in a few days.

The opening of Beach Oswego for the Summer deends upon the weather. Manager Wallace said there would probably be moving pictures in the new theater. t is the idea to start the season with moving pictures, ollowed later with vaudeville.

Because one of Owosso's moving picture shows put on Passion Play" films for the benefit of å church society, he two other motion picture shows put on the same lims, and charged but 5 cents, while the "church show" sked to cents. There are many sore spots.

This is poor spirit and bad policy.

Despite the tentative decision of the American Fedration of Labor that the members of the Picture Mahine Operators' Union should be seated as members of he Central Labor Union, the latter body at its meeting lay 19 refused to do so. The Central Labor Union ent a long letter to the American Federation, defining side thoroughly and asking that body to go into the latter more carefully than it did during the past week r so. It had been expected that this action would be aken, and as a result there was no surprise. The reason or the move is, according to the Central Labor Union nen, the picture machine operators should not be adpitted because they are really members of the Calcio and alcio-Electric Operators, and should become members f that organization. It was said they had no right to e classified as a separate body.

Three arrests for running moving picture shows on unday were made in the Brownsville (Brooklyn, N. Y.) recinct Sunday, May 19. In one case the alleged profiter claimed that he was conducting the show for the neeft of charity, but Police Captain Reynolds, unable locate any section in the code which permitted the wrote be violated for such purposes, had the man arisined in the Gates Avenue Court. John Turtfetaub, 172 Glemmore avenue, charged with having a show and marging five cents admission at 1703 Pitkin avenue.

Officer Flynn stated he saw people paying admission to get in and that he witnessed a series of moving pictures inside. Turtletaub was held in \$500 bail for examination on May 31. Louis Cohen, 38 years old, of 1759 Pitkin avenue, was arrested by Officer Wood, who claimed a small fee of admission was charged. Cohen, when arraigned in court, claimed that the show was being conducted for a charitable purpose. "They can't work that on me," declared the captain. "I know of no section in the code which permits that." Cohen said he had been arrested four times for the same offense and that cases against him were coming up on May 23 and May 24. He asked to have this case adjourned until the latter date. Bail was fixed at \$4,000. The third man was Nathan Levine, charged with having a show at 1812 Pitkin avenue. This was the first time he had been arrested, he said in court. "I shall increase the bail each time you are brought before me," said the Magistrate. "It's highly impudent for you fellows to go on violating the law this way; \$1,000 for May 31." Later, Cohen secured bail. He said that he was being harshly treated by Captain Reynolds, who allowed other men to do the same things without arrest. "He says he can't arrest them because they sell soda water," said Cohen. "Well, last week I was selling soda and he arrested me." "Well, I'll see that not even Captain Reynolds makes a butt of you," said the Magistrate.

J. W. Hickey's new five-cent theater in the Gryphon block, on West street, Rutland, Vt., opened for business last Monday. The soloist will be Nestor Ross, who for the last three years has taken the part of choir boy with "The Volunteer Organist." Arthur E. Behim, of Brooklyn, N. Y., will act as pianist. Mr. Hickey has installed an auxetophone, the latest thing in talking machines. Mr. Hickey's five-cent theater in the Banquet House block will be opened in about three weeks.

The annual picnic of the American Mutoscope and Biograph Company's employees will take place on Saturday next, June 8, at Schuetzen Park, Union Hill, N. J. Music will be provided by the West Shore Military Band for those who like to trip the light fantastic toe. All our readers who have twenty-five cents each to spare are invited to take their wives, sisters, or the other fellow's sister, to Union Hill, where, given fine weather, they are assured the time of their lives in fun, frolic and the latest pictures produced by the firm.

By the bye, a great deal of fuss is being made about the new venture of phonograph and cinematograph combined exhibitions. The Biograph used the system in 1899. To be accurate, a film and dialogue entitled "A Gay Old Boy" was produced on the roof of 841 Broadway, New York, on August 16 of that year, photographed by Armitage. The phonograph was worked at the side of the wheel, but after two or three public exhibitions was withdrawn.

The Kinematograph and Lantern Weekly, of London, has fully started on its way, and can be obtained by American readers for \$1.75 per year. It is the official organ of the Bioscope Operators Union and is edited by Theodore Brown, an old veteran in the ranks of lantern workers.

### Correspondence.

#### Low Priced Theatres

As I have been in the amusement business for the las ten years I believe I am capable of expressing the view of a practical man regarding the agitation against chear places of amusement, especially the 5-cent theaters. Fa from being detrimental to the character of the young American, these 5-cent theaters are one of the best insti tutions of learning and character molding we have in the city. The sensational pictures displayed in so many o these theaters, while portraying crime in all its details also portray the finish, giving the punishment of those who are guilty of wrong-doing. I fail to see where the bad impression is made on any young boy when such a moral as this is shown him. I have exhibited very many motion pictures and can honestly say that I have neve seen one that would in any way corrupt the morals of any young person who possesses the average amount of intelligence.

Can it be said that these pictures have the demoralizing effect that some of the most popular productions shown at the larger theaters have? Has any series beer produced that can influence the character of the young people in the way that "Salome," "Caza," "Cleopatra and a dozen others of the more "refined" type, or as the "James Brothers," the "Millionaire Detective," "Biddle Brothers," "Queen of the Highway" and a hundred others?

Pictures such as are shown at 5-cent theaters always end with a decidedly good moral and show action only while such plays as are usually produced at certain houses on State street and Halsted street not only produce scenes as realistic but also use words which are truly demoralizing.

In the thickly populated sections around Milwaukee avenue foreigners predominate and, as a rule, these people are extremely saving and at the same time they keenly enjoy a trip to a theater, which is usually a 5-cent theater. Vaudeville is put on at most of these house patronized by the foreign element and I can say that the manager of each of these places generally tries to have something better than his competitor and consequently secures talent which is in many cases the same as, for instance, that which is shown in the Haymarket.

And right there is where the shoe pinches. Managers of larger houses all over the country are complaining of the large reductions in their box-office receipts since the advent of the 5-cent theater. They raise a hue and cry against these cheap theaters. Formerly, when no vaude-ville was on the bill, they were content to smile and say: "Well, it won't last." With the introduction of real actors came the howl. Now they are fighting to do away with these "dens of iniquity," even to refusing work to those who have appeared at 5-cent theaters.—A. L. COOLEY, in the Chicago Daily News.

### **NEW FILMS-NOW READY**

.1	ME IS LIEUTO HO IS HEUD!
	CAUMONT
st	Perfect Nuisance 590 feet
s	The Human Clock
p	Buying a Ladder (Comedy) 604 " This is a very humorous subject which shows the
r	trials and tribulations of a man who has bought a ladder and makes heroic efforts to take it home. The various
g	and makes heroic efforts to take it home. The various difficulties that ne encounters form a chain of exciting
i-	incidents which is bound to create a great demand for
e -	this subject.
f	Salome (Biblical)
	The Gammont studio has made an exceptional film of this subject which is dignified in action, stately in its progress and conforms with the unities in time, place and action, all of the actors fit the parts. The climax is
e	progress and conforms with the unities in time, place
e e	reached in the dance, which is made as innollensive as
a	possible. The dancer does not thow off any veils or other garments, and the head of John the Baptist appears
3	but a very short period at the end of the film.
r	
y	An icy Day (Comedy)
	which shows the laughable experiences of a number of people who meet with various unfortunate accidents on
	an icy day, when walks are slippery.
-	URBAN-ECLIPSE
s	Winter Amusements 900 feet
n	A Trip Through the Holy Land 500, "
g	Rogie Fatts and Salmon Fishing (Des-
.,	criptive)
e l	A beautiful bit of photography, showing landscapes, water-falls and salmon-fishing.
e	Beating the Landlord (Comedy) . 167 feet
d	This is a medium length film into which are crowded
٠ ا	many farcical incidents that happen because a muscular female refuses to pay her rent.
s	Additional stock is received of the following subjects:
,	Caumont Films
s	Moonlight on Sea
e	When Stormy Winds Blow
y	Animated Portrait
'	Chasing the Sausage
ė	
	Disturbing his Rest .407 " Take Good Care of Baby .484 " Man Monkey .334 "
t	The Village Celebration
s	Cup and Ball
e	Nurse Taking Walk
y	Urban-Eclipse Films
r	First Dinner at His Father-in Law's
•	Master's Coffee Service 294 "
s	T. P. Films-Paris
f	Governess Wanted
	Cream Eating Contest
y	Interesting Reading 184 "
-	Clever Delective
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#### Film Review.

F YOU HAD A WIFE LIKE THIS. BIOGRAPH.

Some will contend that marriage is a failure, but in this case it has proved a inaterial for a screaming comedy. Poor nd submissive husband of a giantess, who fules him with a tyrant's hand. Humble nd obedient for a while, he at last determines to burst asunder the chains of do-nesticity and become a "real sport." A nad rush from his home to the club, where he is engaged in a little game of poker, when—"Oh, look who's here!"—wifey apears. There is something doing, and Peck eaves by means of a rope fire-escape is descent by cutting the rope before Peck has made half the journey, and he falls with a thud to the sidewalk. He must we struck his bump of combativeness, or he still fights for liberty, and we next and him in a Bowling Alley. Here Mrs. makes a record strike; not only moking down all of the pins, but every-hing and everybody as well, in her wild deavor to catch Peck. He, however, esapes to the Pool Parlor, but milady still ursues, and devastation marks her adent. From here he seems to have successfully added her and is search in the essfully eluded her and is seated in the ront row of a vaudeville theater enjoying from tow of a value wife the act enjoying the sinuous gyrations of a Salome dancer. The of the veils falls lightly upon the houlder of happy Peck, which is sharply outrasted by the fall of the bass fiddle in his head. It is needless to state that irs. Peck hovers over him. From the eater she drags Peck by the heels back his happy home, where, in the last scene, the regales him with a version of the Same dance he will never forget, though he hav trv.

HE WRONG CHIMNEY; OR, EVERY MAN HIS OWN SWEEP.

WILLIAMS, BROWN & EARLE. A lady and gentleman are seated at breakist when the fire is put out by a tremen-ous fall of soot. The gentleman rises in ous fall of soot. The gentleman rises in rage, and, taking up the shovel, attempts o get rid of some of it, but, finding it hopess, bullies his wife for not having the manneys attended to. The wife has, meanhile, sent for the sweep, but on his arrival weeps, but do the work himself.

Procuring a bush and brick, and cutting the clothes line (incidentally letting ce clean clothes fall in the mud), he ties brick to one end of the line and the

sh to the other.

Getting a ladder, he, with many slips, cends to the roof, and putting the brick wn the chimney first, the bush follows. He has, however, put it down the wrong imney, and the scene changes to the then, where the cook is just putting a dding into the saucepan, when the brick d soot fall, smothering everything, and ightening the cook almost to death.

ightening the cook almost to death. Her master arrives on the scene, followed his wife and maid. The old gentleman less the matter in his own hands, and lis at the rope; finding it fixed, he takes e broom, but not being able to get it up chimney, looks up to see what is stopis, completely smothering him. Taking dof the rope, they all pull, and event-ly it breaks, and they fall to the floor, mging over the table and flour tub on of them. ONE OF THE FINEST

SELIG POLYSCOPE CO.

A policeman's lot is not a happy one, but there are opportunities for enjoyment and profit which this film illustrates. A policeman is seated on a park bench and engaged in the congenial occupation of flirting with a nursemaid. In the distance the inspector on his rounds is seen ap-proaching, but the officer of the law just manages to avoid detection by taking off his hat and coat and hiding them under manages to avoid detection by taking off his hat and coat and hiding them under the bench he is sitting on. After the in-spector has passed by, he continues his in-terrupted love-making. An inoffensive tramp has been an interested spectator of the whole proceeding and is not slow to take advantage of the opportunity afforded. Watching his chance while the amorous guardian of the law is otherwise engaged, he creeps up behind the affectionate pair and managing to obtain the hat, coat and club, escapes with them unnoticed.

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Now the bogus policeman, having arrayed himself in his "borrowed feathers" and counterfeiting a genuine officer to the best of his ability, sallies forth to see what graft he can gather in his new character. He goes back to the park and stations himself opposite a sign which preservies the speed opposite a sign which preservies the speed limit. He does not have to wait long before he secures his first victim and peremptorily halts an automobile which is being driven too fast. Only one thing for it; the hapless automobilist must stand for a good-sized "touch", or go to the lockup, and naturally preferring the former, gives

up to the supposed officer and continues on his way unmolested.

Minor matters next engage his attention, and in his new character he enters into a very vigorous flirtation with two young ladies who are resting on a bench. Then he surprises a couple of unfortunate hoboes he surprises a couple of unfortunate novoes drinking from a can, and driving them away, finishes the beer himself. Much refreshed, he goes out to look for new victims and surprises a petty thief who is snatching fruit in front of a grocery store, and arrests him, but finding a kindred spirit they go off and consume the spoils and together plan fresh outrages on an inoffensive public. The partnership is commenced by zen, and while he relieves him of his money and jewelry, the tramp policeman appears on the scene and pretends to arrest him and lead him off. They are no sooner around the corner and out of sight, however, than the same farce is repeated and the money divided between them.

A luckless Greek with a fruit stand is

next to suffer, and what is done to him is a shame. The alleged policeman takes sam-ple after sample and finally makes a clean sweep of one end of the stand and filling his hat goes off, leaving the unfortunate vendor speechless with rage. Around the corner he finds his friend waiting for him, and after a hearty fruit dessert they change clothes, and the chum arrayed as a policereturns to still further persecute the unhappy peddler, and after taking what is left of his stock, tips the cart over and leaves him uttering the choicest imprecations known to the Greek language.

tons known to the Greek language.

One more atrocity, A large sign is prepared, "Help the Blind," arrayed in which the second hobo seats himself in a sunning a railroad gradiu corner to excite the sympathy of the passerby. Trade is dull, and the fraud policeman pretends to savagely assault the blind man and beat him brutally about the head, but blind man as a kindly-looking old lady arrives in sight. Railroad), the world I She of course remonstrates and gives the railroad construction.

supposed blind man a handsome present, which the two divide as soon as she is out of sight.

A Jewish clothier next comes in sight, and the tramp policeman, by this time being tired of the game, sells his hat and coat to the Jew and adds the amount thus ob-tained to his bank roll. Before long the Jew meets the genuine policeman, hatless, coatless and clubless, who recognizes his coattess and cruotess, wno recognizes ms missing articles and promptly arrests and leads off the luckless Jew, while the scene closes with a picture of our unscrupulous friend counting his ill-gotten gains with a smile of unmitigated slyness and audacity.

SCENES AND INCIDENTS-PANAMA CANAL

EDISON MANUFACTURING COMPANY. A Circular Panorama from Columbus Point, Cristobal, the American Residential section of Colon. In this beautiful, sunny seaside grove, on avenues of tall, graceful cocoanut trees, are located the handsome houses of the old French officials, the Prench officials, the Palace of De Lesseps, the beautiful bronze statue of Christopher Columbus, and the Indian Maiden, and a commanding view of the busy shipping harbor of Colon and Limon Bay, the Atlantic Entrance to the Panama Canal.

Panama Ganal.

A very interesting and exciting scene of a thoroughly up-to-date American Fire Department, maintained here by the United States Government for the protection of property in Cristobal and the adjacent City of Colon. This seene shows the lively activity about the Fire Station when an alarm is turned in and the dexterity and promptness with which they respond. The daily drill and rehearsal under an able Chief has developed a Company of Fire Fighters second to none.

ond to none.

A picture medley made up of five very realistic phases that can be seen in active realistic phases that can be seen in active miles of Panama Canal Zone, where thousands of hard-laboring men are planning and blasting, and disgring, to make two mighty oceans "shake hands."

The first scene illustrates the workings

of the great American Steam Shovel operation as it scoops up great quantities of dirt and rock and dumps it upon dirt cars to be hauled off to some needed filling or breastworks. This ingenious and won-derful piece of powerful machinery is one of the essentials that has made the digging of the Canal possible.

Second Scene. Unloading a dirt train. second Scene. Unloading a dirt fram.
This illustrates the speedy method of unloading these great trains of dirt cars by
means of a "plow" being drawn the entire
length of the train by means of a cable and steam windlass upon a truck connected to the Locomotive. By this method, an entire train of large dirt cars can be unloaded in

a very few minutes.
Third Scene. Dirt Scraper in Operation. The next in order is the heavy dirt scraper, also attached to a truck and pushed along by a Locomotive. This apparatus scrapes the ridge of dirt and stone down over the bank to the level of the roadbed and when the "fill" is sufficiently wide the track is again extended and the work continued. Fourth Scene. Track Lifting Machine in

The method heretofore of mov-Operation. The mention neterior or involuge a railroad grading track has always been a very slow and expensive part of the operation, but in this time and expense saving device (the invention of Mr. W. G. Bierd, General Manager of the Panama Railroad), the world has something new in willroad construction.

Fifth Scene. Laborers Lining up at Mess Tent. A scene at mess time in a Jamaica Negro Camp when they line up with cup and pan to draw their noonday rations. As the government supplies the food, the knife, fork, spoon, cup and plate is his personal property and this he keeps clean and guarded with perhaps more care than any

other of his worldly possessions.

From a commanding position on the Western side of Culebra Cut, this circular panorama was made, commencing first in panorama was made, commencing man in the direction of Emperador and Las Cascadas, the scene gradually passing in from the right to the high cliff on the opposite mountain side, with many steam snovels, rock drills and shifting dirt trains to be seen working all along this eight miles of high mountain pass to Paraiso and Pedro Miguel.

in a somewhat level stretch of country just to the South of Emperador, and quite close to the heavy workings of Culebra Cut, lie scattered in profusion over fully a mile square a vast "cemetery" of magnit-cent old French Machinery, costing milions in morey and untold trouble.

The great Sanitary work throughout the Caral Zone by Dr. Gorgas and his able corps of "Mosquito Sharps" has been the means of putting an entirely different aspect on tropical countries. His wonderful work in Cuba attests for this, as does also the greatly changed conditions in the Panama Canal Zone, where by methods of draining, oiling, burning, cutting out the underbrush and laying bare the jungle soil to the rays of the sun, they have made life miserable picture business. for the fever bearing mosquito and driven

A lively scene in a tropical jungle along the Panama Canal Zone, showing a large number of Jamaica Negro Machete men and the method of reclaiming jungle land by means of the machete. This picture, one of the most interesting of the set, is made up of two scenes; the first illustrating the cutting and tearing out, and the second where the brush is being raked up and rolled into piles where oil is applied and the brush burned.

A circular panorama of the Pacific Entrance to the Panama Canal. This scene, made from a sand bar in La Boca Harbo. at low tide, shows the little group of Isl ands in the Pacific Ocean justice.

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esting sights to be seen in the old City of Panama is the life about the old market place down by the sea when the native canoes and sailboats come in from the neighboring Islands on market days, laden down with vegetables, fruit and fish. The little Spanish donkey togged out in his elaborate harness, the native negro with his huge basket of melons or fish, the noise and commotion of the bargaining merchants, all make up a most interesting sight.

There are many thousand Jamaica and

other West India Island Negroes throughout the Canal Country who have moved here with their families and settled down to the daily laboring life of the situation. to the daily laboring life of the situation distance you are working the machine from Sunday being a day of enjoyment, they the screen. If close, you are sture to get celebrate as only they know how. This a reflection of the light, and the further scene, along the country roadside on a way from the screen the less noticeable is Sunday afternoon, depicts one of their the trouble will be overcome.

ROGIE FALLS. (Urban-Eclipse.) KLEINE OPTICAL CO.

A pretty bit of nature bursts upon our view, showing the banks of the falls sur-rounded by foliage. A pair of lovers (evidently escaped from a party of tourists and more interested in themselves than the salmon fishing) are observed m foreground The lady is now seen busily playing rod and line, proving she is an apt pupil of Izaak Walton. A panoramic view is shown in which appear the ubiquitous tourist pho-tographer taking everything and everybody tographer taking everything and everybody in range of his lens. A group going over rustic bridge. The falls, with rushing water and rich smulight effect. A boat with two anglers, who are skilfully beating the waters, approaches. One gets a nibble and an exciting moment interveres, until, with careful manœuvering, he hooks his fish Wading into stream, reeling in the line while his companion gets net ready, the salmon fighting and leaping to obtain its liberty, is at last caught in the net, landed, killed and weighed.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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Another writes: "Kindly inform me if among your many patrons you have any in the market for a well-established, prominently situated, paying moving picture business. Dissolving partnership cause of selling."

This would be best placed in the advertisement column, as this paper is conducted on a commercial principle. Still, if any of our readers are desirous of purchasing such a business we will bring the principals together.

#### Edison and the Trade.

Several inquiries are to hand regarding the position of the Edison Company and those taking pictures, asking information and our opinion. We are not attorneys for the company and therefore do not know what they purpose doing. We have handed them over to the attorney for the company and advise our querents to write him for particulars.

#### Mr. George Melies' Burglary.

We are pleased to inform our readers that the thief who stole the films belonging to Mr. Geo. Meliès has been caught. He received a hearing on June I and is remanded to the Grand Jury. His only identity is "Jack."

A canard appearing in a local contemporary publication would lead the uninformed to believe that Harry J. Miles, head mechanician of Miles Bros., had severed his connection with that well known firm.

The paragraph reads that "Harry J. Miles, late of Miles Bros., is in New York." By one of the peculiarities of English dictionary, "late" in a case of this kind could mean "deceased," "formerly connected with," or "slow."

We have just met Mr. Miles and we found him far from slow, still connected with this hustling firm and anything but a "dead one."

#### How the Cinematographer Works and Some of His Difficulties.

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Practically all of the so-called magic moving pictures are made in-doors. The tricks that are used to mystify the spectator are many. Some are accomplished by stopping the camera, substituting a dummy, as in the picture where the train was to run over the photographer, or where the engineer picked up his sweetheart from the track, and then starting the moving picture machine again. Other tricks are achieved by turning the camera upside down at a certain point in the pictorial series. For example, a picture in which men and women are seen walking now on the floor and now on the ceiling is obtained by turning the camera over so that the floor becomes the ceiling. Other illusions are produced by running the kinetoscopic tape backward. As all of the pictures are taken on a long strip of celluloid, every motion will be reversed when this strip is run in the opposite direction. For example, a picture is made of a man lighting a cigar, puffing from it great clouds of smoke and then throwing the stump into the gutter. The film is then run through backward, and a picture is obtained in which the cigar leaps out of the gutter into the man's fingers, he puts it to his lips, sucks into his mouth and apparently swallows great clouds of smoke, and finally, after the cigar has grown out to its. full length he puts it into his pocket.

Those who make a business of posing for the kinetoscope are called "picture performers," and many a hard knock they have to take. Practically all of them are professional stage people, and while performing on Broadway at night they pick up a few dollars day times in a moving picture studio. In a variety show, therefore, it sometimes happens that the same tumblers who a moment ago were turning handsprings and somersaults in real life, again appear in such roles as the traditional "Rube" and the "green goods man," but only in a phantom form upon the pictured screen.

Many an amateur has given up the profession of picture performer the first time he tried to act before a camera. When the first pictures were taken for the kinetoscopic skit, well known to many theater-goers as "The Miller and the Chimney Sweep," the whole product on was spoiled by a tyro who attempted to take the part of the miller. The veteran actor who was to take this role failed to show up, and accordingly, a new applicant, who said he had had some experience "along dramatic lines in a historic society at Harvard," was told he might play the part, if his rehearsal proved satisfactory. At first the Harvard man seemed to think his wages were too small, but having contented himself with the offer he went through the rehearsal better than the manager expected. What happened after that is best told by the man who took the part of the chimney sweep:

"As soon as the cap was off the camera," said the sweep, "the miller begain the game by trying to flirt with

a country girl that happened along. He had a sack of flour over his shoulder, which he held with one ken while he threw kisses to the girl with the other. Jus then I came by with a sack of soot over my shoulder, and believing that he was insulting the young lady, I let hin have the bag of soot, right over the head. In the nhearsal, mind you, I hit him lightly with the empty he He was supposed to strike back with the bag of flour and smother me, but he didn't. That one blow of mine held him out. The soot bag burst and he forgot all above everything. He just laid there in a heap. Well, sir, I was pretty well scared. I thought I had killed him. We hauled him away to a sink and finally brought him see enough to consciousness to hear him murmur:

"'I don't want any more of this business."
"What,' said I, 'isn't there enough in it?"

"'There's too much,' he whispered, as he fainted am again."

It may sometimes be truthfully said that a picture per former becomes so engrossed in his work that he forest that he is simply shamming. At Atlantic City a note English actor and a well-known American actress with had met at the watering place for the first time we asked to pose by the representative of a moving pictu company for a drowning scene. Both were good swin mers, and it was arranged that the actress should si three times and the actor at last dive down, bring hert the surface of the water, then carry her to shore. soon as the camera man had planted his machine in right spot he gave the signal, and the girl threw up bo arms and sank. At the sight the whole beach was pain stricken. Men and women ran up and down the stan and the actor had all he could do to prevent bei swamped by the throng of swimmers who came up to m cue the actress. Rivalry was so keen that the Englishm did not wait until the third sinking, but dived immediate and brought up the actress in triumph. Slowly he brough her to shallower water, whispering meantime in her to clasp her arms tighter around his neck. It would me the picture more life-like, he said. But as her arms me tighter and his stroke became still slower, until the crow on the beach were horrified to hear the camera man

"Here, here! Youv'e spoiled that picture by taking much time for it. Try it over again."

That the moving picture exhibition has other uses sides entertaining was shown recently at a studio whe a victoria drove up to the door and from it alighted dignified gentleman who introduced himself, after elevance excuses anent his intrusion, as Monsieur A. Given of the French Department of Correction, who was America studying methods of capital punishment. First desiring to find some more humane manner of punicipalities of the properties of the punishment of the control of the punishment. The punishment is the punishment of t

Somewhere in his voyaging about M. Giebert had a biograph exhibit of the hanging of Mary Rogers. New England woman who was executed for the must of her husband, and he was impressed by its power of

roducing the actual scene. He left an order for the set, a that he might illustrate his work on his return.

Such educational calls result in considerable perplexity times. It was easy enough to furnish the execution of fary Rogers and like horrors, but when an order comes from Gennany, as one did, for a complete reproduction in the workings of New York department stores, considerable figuring has to be done.

Among all the nations of the world the Japanese are stensely keen in regard to everything that shows the sterior workings of American establishments, the factor, the hotel, the store, the municipal and governmental uddings. A portrayal of the Postoffice Department that ied in popularity with the Westinghouse factories.

Places as remote as Singapore, Java and Ceylon eagrly snap up such subjects, and the humorous and tragicenes of American life are probably what they want and preciate best; none of them, with the exception of the apanese, are hungry for educational exhibits; like our wn people, they desire merely entertainment.

"The cinematographist to-day is an intrepid explorer, untsman and sport. Wherever there is light sufficient or his work he goes if public interest goes with him.

"At present one man is in Newfoundland getting picres of the caribou. The expedition is in charge of a oston taxidermist and with it are hunters as well as arits and other men.

"The barrens where they expect to get their big game re desolate tracts of land hundreds of miles from civiliation. It takes \$50 to purchase a license to hunt three r four weeks of time at an expense of \$10 or so a day nd a limit of a single piece of game for your trouble." Barrie must have got his idea of the Peter Pan house the tree-tops from a cinematograph and moose hunter. "That is the way you do—build a regular house along one runway, where the animals come, to eat the roots of the post of the proof o

me runway, where the animals come to eat the roots of the lily pads which are their favorite diet. You can take our togs into the house and sleep if you are not accusmed to somnambulism, for the hour right after dawn is the time to work.

"Near by are the house of the guide and another where e cinematograph manhas his camera at an angle so that e can get the right focus as the shot is made.

"Perhaps there are more interesting experiences in a nematograph man's life than that dawn when you wake the open, miles and miles from settlement, with the esh breeze blowing in your face and the intense silence the woods. Suddenly the guide takes a big birch bark or and gives the call of the female moose. All at once u hear a crash in the woods near by as if the whole vestry outfit was being overthrown; the sound is insisted by the stillness and you feel as if the overthrow the world was at hand; then in the clearing appears head of a moose, and then."

"Well, on the expedition I speak of we got the moose's ad. Our film of 1,086 feet shows the whole process implete. That is one of the most expensive and finest productions on the market.

I'(To be continued.)

### Correspondence.

BALTIMORE, May 29, 1907.

To the Editor of Moving Picture World:

My Dear Sir-Just had a sample copy of your paper handed me by a friend, and must say it certainly is a dandy. I must have been asleep, for, to tell the truth, it was the first one I ever saw. I am more than glad to know that operators at last have a protection in a paper, for they certainly need it. I hope you will have much success, and I will try to do what I can to help the good cause along. My subscription for the year is along, and let me in on this League idea. What is it? I tell you. boys. I am getting 'way behind. I have been up in the woods and just got back. If you can spare me space enough, I would like you to let my friends know that I will be located at Gwyn Oak Park, Md., with the Edsionia Amusement Company, for the Summer. Have just come home from a long trip with the Howard & Johnson Moving Picture Show, Good houses and fine business all along the route. Well, I hope we are about acquainted now and trust to be better acquainted in the near future. But don't forget to write me concerning the League. Am so glad to know the moving picture operators have got one wideawake friend, the MOVING PICTURE WORLD. Again, good luck and much success. From

Yours sincerely,

· BILLY AIREY.

To the editor of *The Journal*: Do you consider it fair to make such a sweeping attack upon the moving picture business as published in your issue of Friday, May 3, without first making a thorough investigation into the subject and then placing the blame where it belongs?

You will admit that practically every business and every profession has its good elements as well as its bad ones. There are good doctors and there are quacks; there are good lawyers and there are shysters; there are good politicians and there are grafters. Even in your own business there are good newspapers and there are "yellows." On this same principle, I claim that there are good moving picture theaters and there are bad ones.

In aiming at the bad ones (for which no one can blame you) you have neglected to insert a saving clause for the good ones. The men who are deriving a livelihood from the moving picture business are not all villains. It is not their desire to corrupt the morals of youth. Many of them are fathers. They probably have as tender a regard for young America as other human beings, but because there are other men in the business who care naught for anything but personal gain, these human and humane ones must suffer the humiliation of public scorn.

I claim there is much in favor of the moving picture theater, provided, of course, they are conducted properly and conscientiously. The moving pictures of to-day are educational, entertaining and within the reach of men, women and children who cannot afford more expensive entertainment. True, many pictures of questionable character have been placed on the market, but this is not by any means proof that they are shown in every theater.

In justice to those men who have been and who are conducting good, clean, wholesome performances, would it not be a good plan to do a little sheep-and-goat separating before the slaughter begins? I'll venture to say that it would surprise you to learn how few five-cent theaters in Milwaukee and elsewhere are employing demoralizing pictures to attract patronage.

I'll venture to add that your reporters, if given an assignment with a view of learning the true situation in moving picture business, could not only turn up some good human interest stories, but would bring you satisfactory proof that these pictures are doing more good than is imagined and less harm than is rumored.

There is no form of instruction or amusement that I know of that is reaching so many thousands of people, giving them entertainment that they never had before, nor brightening so many careworn lives as this moving picture business.

In closing, I wish to say that every proprietor of every decent theater in the country will applaud the stand you have taken if you will only separate the good from the bad, and help wipe out the latter. The quicker this is done the better it will be for the clean element in the business.—Charles Ouborney, in the Milwaukee Journal.

A Parisian correspondent sends particulars of the formation of a new company called the Theophile Pathé Cinematograph Company, with the object of manufacturing and selling cinematograph appearatus and films. Among the objects stated in the prospectus are the study and development of manufacturing processes and patents in connection with photography and cinematography, taking out patents and licenses relating thereto, and the development, concession, or sale of patents and licenses of the various apparatus, etc. The capital has been fixed at 2,000,000 frs. in 20,000 shares of 100 frs. each. We shall have something further to say about this company in the near future. Information to hand is a little premature, but some interesting developments are at hand.

ANOTHER FILM ROBBERY.—This time en route from Germany on the "Kaiserien and Victoria." There were stolen from the hold of the steamer, nine films of "The Coroner's Mistake." Evidently, by the signs, some emigrant must have heard of the fabulous wealth the nickelodeons are earning, and, fired with the desire to pick up gold, brought out with him his projecting apparatus. Whether he used the film to give exhibitions on the voyage, we have been, as yet, unable to learn. The fact remains that Messrs. Miles Brothers are minus the films. An empty film box was left behind, which gives the impression that the film was wound on a reel and taken off. Will our readers look out for this film and inform Miles Brothers if they see it. On visiting the Customs House to learn the above particulars, we were stopped and our faithful bag ruthlessly torn from our hands. On leaving the building we found it in custody of the doorkeeper, and went on our way rejoicing.



Police Commissioner Bingham, of New York, so that he had received reports from the fourteen inspection districts, in accordance with his orders, to the effect the there are now in operation more than 400 of the "pennarcades" and similar places where phonographs, more pictures, and mechanical pianos furnish the entertainment Complaints against these places. had been so numeror that the commissioner investigated.

"In the First Inspection District," said the commasioner, "there are twenty-eight of these places, along the Bowery and Park row for the most part. I have lat two men out investigating for myself, and already the have sufficient evidence against sixty such places of so

called amusemnet.

"I sent a letter to Mayor McClellan, telling him of the existing conditions and suggested that the simpler way to rid the city of these nuisances was to have the permits withdrawn by the Bureau of Licenses. Thin men from that bureau have been investigating. It serived from Mayor McClellan a letter in reply, sain that the licenses of every one of these places where the law is violated will be revoked."

The commissioner said that most of these places is been guilty of violation of section 200 of the Penal Cab in regard to permitting children to frequent their place Obscene pictures and views had also been display Commissioner Lantry of the Fire Department conside that they violate the building and fire regulations, as are a menace to life.

Dreamland, the new moving-picture palace, at Cheste Pa., conducted by Samuel D. Wolf, opened last week in the Bank Building. Mr. Wolf has fitted the place is give every comfort to his patrons.

Innocent, pure amusement will always attract the full blooded American citizen, if he can find it in clean awholesome surroundings. Such a place is Wonderlasthe new amusement palace, of Wheeling, Va., who opened recently at the corner of Market and Fourtest streets, with an entrance from each street.

C. P. Mattocks, of Partland, Me., has organized for corporations to be known as the Portland Nickel Corpany, Biddeford Nickel Company, Bangor Nickel Corpany, and Lewiston Nickel Company, respectively, it he purpose of presenting to the public, theatrical, ms cal, dramatic and vaudeville entertainments, of who moving pictures will form the principal items. It is contemplation to carry on this business at the present of the property of the prop

John T. West has obtained a concession from the burn & Syracuse Railroad Company to locate a more picture show on the company's property at Lakest Park, Auburn. The show will be conducted in a with black lining for day performances.

R. F. Walker and Samuel Tisher have leased the Walker building on Lafayette avenue, Wheeling, W. Va., and are installing an up-to-date nickelodeon. This will be the third place of amusement of the kind in the city.

From Milwaukee, Wis, we hear that steps which it hopes will aid in the abolishment of the penny areade have been taken by the South Side Community Club, recently organized, with headquarters at the University settlement. The club has passed resolutions declaring its attitude as opposed to the penny areades because of its belief that they are harmful and an immoral influence in the community. Copies of these resolutions have been sent to south side alderman in the hope of aiding in the creation of public opinion against these amusement resorts. Members of the club desire it understood that its action is confined strictly to the penny areades and not to the five-cent theaters, which they consider are well conducted.

Arrangements have been made by Manager Dakin of Olympia Park, Chattanooga, Tenn., whereby, continuing every night throughout the season, at 8:15 o'clock, 2,000 feet of the very latest moving pictures will be, shown absolutely free to the public, by the celebrated Olympiagraph. These pictures are secured by special arrangement and are used exclusively at Olympia Park.

Professor William Lyon Phelps lectured on Italy at Osborn Hall, New Haven, Conn., principally those-places made memorable by the residence or writings of Browning. The lecture was illustrated by stereopticon views taken by Professor Phelps on the occasion of his trip through Italy in 1904. He said: "Browning was influenced by Italy more than by any-

"Browning was influenced by Italy more than by anything else in life. This influence dates from the time
when the young English poet walked up the long hill
leading to the town of Asolo, in the year 1838. This
town, 30 miles from Venice, is immortalized in 'Pippa
Passes.' The approach to the town reminds one somewhat of Farnham drive at East Rock Park.

"Florence is the most intimately associated with Browning of any spot in Italy. Here Mr. and Mrs. Browning came directly after their marriage and lived for 15 years, until Mrs. Browning's death. Browning's knowledge of Florence was very minute and can be traced in everything he wrote concerning this town.

"A characteristic of Browning is that he is so accurate and specific in all of his descriptions. He is better than Baedecker. The way to visit Italy is to do so with a copy of Browning in your hand."

Professor Phelps showed several pictures of famous paintings from the Pitti and Upuzzi galleries, and read selections from Browning's works describing these paintings, to illustrate how carefully correct all Browning's descriptions are. He took occasion to take a fall out of the painter Fra Lippo Lippi, whom he characterized as a mucker. "In the Middle Ages painters frequently painted portraits of their own wives in their pictures, and put patrons among the saints. But in his picture of the Assumption Fra Lippo Lippi had the nerve to paint his own 'phiz' among the angels, down in one corner, coming up out of the darkness where he belonged. 'Not only that, but he put a little tag on himself with the motto, 'pse Fecit Opus,' translated, 'This fellow did the job.'"

Professor Phelps showed scenes made famous by "The Ring and the Book." Starting with the Piaza di San Lorenzo, where Browning found the Book, the lecturer baced his steps across the city to the Casa Guidi, Brown-

ing's home. Then followed pictures of Arezzo, the home of Count Guidi. In this town is the birthplace of Petrarch. Views of Rome completed the lecture.

Fairlyand, the new electric theater at No. 150 Glen street, Glen Falls, N. Y., opened its doors to the public under the management of Willard J. Cottrell, on Saturday last, with a selection of latest films, and illustrated soners.

Elijah D. White, 32 years old, who manages a movingpicture emporium at 388 Court street, Brooklyn, N. Y.,
made his third visit to the Butler Street Court recently. Twice before White has been arraigned on complaints that grew out of the Sunday operation of his
Court street place, but was discharged because of decisions handed down by Supreme Court Justice Marean.
White's appearance in court was caused by a complaint
issued by Musician Halfdan Bryneldsen, of 309 Union
street, who could not stand for the discord he found in
the place, his musical sensibilities being offended.

McCahn & Weissman, who conduct a moving picture business at 555 Eighth avenue, New York, have obtained from Justice Davis in the Supreme Court an ex-parte injunction restraining Police Commissioner Bingham, Capt. Stephen O'Brien and the police generally from entering the premises in question without a warrant or other legal process or from interfering in any way with their business.

Gustavus A. Rogers, counsel for the plaintiff, said that Capt. O'Brien had threatened to close up the place. Rogers also got a similar injunction for William Fox, whose place of business is 1498 Third avenue. Justice Truax, in Special Term, Part I., of the Supreme Court, adjourned until June 5 the application of Mr. Rogers to have the injunctions continued.

A correspondent in Marquette, Mich., sends news that John F. Allison, proprietor of the billiard hall and bowling alleys in the Sundberg block, has decided to open a moving picture-illustrated song theater at his business stand, and expects to have the place ready for opening soon after the first of the month. He has already purchased a moving picture machine, and has also engaged an operator and singer. Several persons have already looked over the town with a view of establishing a similar theater, but they could not porcure desirable quarters. A copy of the MONING PICTURE WORLD was left in the alleys and Allison, learning what other places were doing, decided to try for himself what was possible, and engaged an operator through its columns.

Ikonograph Commercial Company, Manhattan, deal in apparatus, etc., useful in the kinetographic, kinetoscopic, photographic, etc., trade; capital, \$125,000. Incorporators: R. F. Rubens, R. J. Sachers, E. Wells, Jr., F. A. Cox, J. C. Travis, New York City,

Media, Penn., is to have a new amusement hall, a moving picture show. The proprietor, Elmer E. Groff, of Philadelphia, has decided to call it "The Pastime." He is having a vacant store fitted up and expects to be ready for business Saturday evening.

During a moving picture performance at the Arc family Theater, Hagerstown, Md., fire broke out in the picture machine, and a panic was narrowly averted. About

fifty persons, mostly women and children, were in the hall at the time. While many were badly frightened, so far as known no one sustained any serious injury. The damage to the theater will amount to about \$400. The firemen managed to prevent the flames from spreading to other parts of the building.

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. The store in the W. W. Clark building, on West Main street, Middletown, N. Y., has been leased, for a term of three years, by a moving picture concern, which will shortly take possession of the same and conduct a popular priced theater.

This will make three places of amusement of this kind in Middletown for the Summer, and, with the Midway Park performances, Middletown will have sufficient op-

portunities to while away the time.

Councilman Hi Gill, of Seattle, Wash., objects to the recently enacted ordinance covering licenses for amuse-ments, and wants a new one passed. His objection is to the section of the ordinance requiring licenses for picture machines, weighing machines and other instruments that take nickels and pennies out of the pockets of Seattle citizens.

In the ordinance as passed was a provision that these machines should pay a license of \$5 a year where they were operated by a nickel and \$1 a year when a penny would start them going.

Hi Gill wants to have this section eliminated. He maintains that the provision taxing these devices was smuggled through the council, and that he did not know

anything about it until recently.
"I think the section is unjust," said Mr. Gill. "If you are going to tax evtrything with which a man makes a living, you might as well tax my law books as those machines. That section was smuggled through the council. I understood that Gleason was only codifying the existing ordinances, but I find that a lot of new things have been included in the ordinance."

There will be opposition to the attempt to repeal the ordinance just passed on the part of the license and revenue committee, which prepared it, with the aid of Code

Commissioner Gleason.

John P. Corrigan, Chief of the Bureau of Licenses, in a letter to the Mayor of New York City, has recommended that the licenses of all the cent-in-the-slot places, chiefly the arcade shows, be revoked pending an investigation of charges by the Police Department to the effect that the proprietors of such shows are permitting children to frequent their places while unaccompanied by parents or guardians.

At the First Congregational Church, Brockton, Mass., Rev. Dr. George Bicknell, of Cambridge, told interestingly of "Down in Dixie; or Fighting for God and the Union." The lecture was appropriate for Memorial Day and many rare views of the bloody scenes of the South during the war were shown by stereopticon. Dr. Bick-nell was in the war with a New York regiment and told for the most part the story of that regiment's share in the war. The views showed soldiers in action, in retreat and in camp and many were taken from old prints of the times. Later-day pictures were photographs of battlefields and places made prominent by history.

B. F. Keith has decided to spend \$20,000 on an amusement house in Bridge street, Lowell, Mass., which will be devoted to moving pictures and illustrated songs. It will be ready September 1.

The new amusement house will have about 50 feet of frontage on Bridge street. It will be but one story in height, but that story will run up 25 feet from the ground On this will be a tower 40 feet high, supplied with electrical devices.

Owing to a contract between Mr. Keith and Andrew Hathaway, manager of Hathaway's Theater, no vaudaville acts will be given in the new Keith house, Through an arrangement between the two managers, an agreement was reached some time ago, in which it was positively stated that Mr. Keith should not place any of his vaudeville acts in any other theater in Lowell other than the Hathaway. At the end of two years Mr. Hathaway will be given the opportunity of booking the Keith acts for three years more if he wishes.

We hear that in Indianapolis, Ind., complaint has been made of the class of moving pictures shown at the Manhattan, a five-cent theater on West Washington street. Formal complaint, however, was not lodged with the

Of the three pictures shown, two were said to be of a decided suggestive nature. One of these was entitled, "A Terrible Experience," while the perpetrator of the second was apparently unable to find a suitable name

There were a number of young girls, women and boys in the audiences that saw the pictures.

The Westerly (R. I.) Sun says: "The penny vaudeville show, with its motion pictures, is now a familiar feature of most communities. There are a number of these shows in this city, and the police department has been kept constantly on the watch to see that objectionable pictures were not shown. In spite of this watchfulness, complaints against the places have been numerous. sides, the places have proved rivals to the public schools The juvenile court has revealed instances where children have stayed away from school to earn money to patronize such places, and have even stolen money for that purpose. Quite recently it was discovered that in connection with one of these places vulgar post cards were being sold to children. It was not clear that the owner or the manager was responsible for the sale, but the police commissioners felt that there had been so much scandal connected with these places that it would be good public policy to close them. So, after June 1, there will be  $10\,$ more penny motion pictures shown in this city if the police know of it. This edict is only against the motion pictures; the phonograph and other cheap novelties can still cater to the youthful tastes."

"Strange thing that moving pictures do not appeal to the masses of negroes," said an amusement man the other day. "Of course, a moving picture show exclusively for negroes has not yet been tried, but I speak from the experience of good show men.

"In large towns, where such shows for white people pay handsomely, negro attractions of this character have

been started and gone under.

"I have analyzed the cause and found it to be due to the fact that the average negro wants to see a show with an abundance of noise, something like a plantation minstrel, with lots of singing and dancing and horse-play.

"He doesn't seem to grasp the idea of moving pictures And one of these reasons, too, is the fact that the persons in the pictures are white. When a negro goes to a short it pleases him most to see black faces in the performance, But no pictures are made with Senegambian faces.

"The amusement business has to be figured down to a very fine point and closely studied, or else a fellow will sink his wad quick."

[Film manufacturers please note.—ED.]

T. A. Roquemore, the traveling picture agent, who was released from the Millington calaboose by Judge Galloway upon a habeas corpus hearing recently, has instituted suit for damages in the sum of \$10,000 against the town of Millington, Tenn.; W. E. Polk, its Mayor; W. C. Smith, town marshal, and the other members of the corporation council, both as officials and individually. Kelley and W. H. Cox filed the suit as attorneys for the plaintiff, and aver that it is based upon the action of the defendants in imprisoning Roquemore and refusing to release him after being cited two Supreme Court decisions holding such a license fee as they sought to collect from him to be illegal and non-collectable. Roquemore was kept in the little calaboose of the town for two days during the recent rainy spell, and asserts that he suffered intensely from the cold weather, as there were no facilities to heat the prison and no windows to keep out the rain.

The Mechanical Amusement Company, of Brooklyn, N.Y., has been chartered to conduct public amusement resorts. The capital stock is \$20,000, and the directors are Barbara Gallagher, F. P. Gallagher and B. C. Chittenden, of Brooklyn.

The Chamber of Commerce has received an offer from one of the largest chautauqua associations in the country to advertise Chattanooga in their lecture courses, if the chamber would furnish several sets of slides with printed matter concerning the industrial growth of this city. This association has several lecturers on the road at all times and makes a specialty of this line of advertising, which bey illustrate with stereopticon views. The matter has been referred to the publicity committee by the president of the chamber, and it is expected that about fifteen to wenty slides with views of Chattanooga, and probably a series of animated photographs, will be made at once and forwarded the lecturers.

The country is now being given, through the news-papers and moving picture exhibitions, the product of the jurdling exhibition of himself given by President Rooseelt not long (go in Washington, when he put off a cabnet meeting for that purpose. No doubt the results obained by the professional camera were carefully edited in the White House—it is all "by permission," as the English flunkies and tradesmen put it. This pictureaking performance was a commercial enterprise, but the esult thereof is to give the executive of the nation great exploitation throughout the United States and the world. an anybody imagine the modest and silent U. S. Grant haking a "show off" engagement of this kind, and carryng it out in cold blood, even though a session of his abinet must needs be adjourned for this purpose? Presdent Grant had lived on horseback for years, and was ery much at home there, but wild horses could not have ragged him to making a show of his seat. Again try to magine Abraham Lincoln stealing away to the woods or back lot, and posing before the camera for the enterinment of the world! The thing is, of course, unthinkble, even to the wildest imagination. Times change and or rulers with them.

There are those who contend that the American people have taken on some of the volatile characteristics of the Latin races, and that we need to be amused. If so, Theodore Roosevelt is ready to supply such demand of the new situation. Only as long ago as the time that Col. Roosevelt ascended to the presidency, people were disposed to call some of his performances "circus play," but familiarity has dulled the popular sense, and any executive entertainment, such as the horse-leaping pictures, whether of the first or second series, is accepted as a matter of course and commonplace./ But in quiet nooks and corners there are sensible citizens who have grown somewhat weary of "jumping," whether of reli-gious devotees or of the nation's chief magistrate, and look with weariness upon the fact that this second collection of Roosevelt pictures must be faced for many months in all the illustrated papers. Never was there a public man in the United States who delighted more in cavortings under the limelight than Col. Roosevelt. If the occasion for such appearances does not offer itself in the ordinary course of things, it is created in cold blood, and the country has to stand the consequences.

In all this there is much happy boyish exuberance, but there is also upon the public side, the element of weariness that needs to be touched upon in the interest of a truthful historical record of the time, though not with any hope of mitigating the situation. There is plenty of picturing of Secretary Taft in the course of his official wanderings to and fro upon the earth, but it does not appear that the poses are initiated or even welcomed by the Secretary of War. It may be frankly said that such exploitations would count against Judge Taft, if they were.—Editorial (May 28) in Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

The Albert Theater, Berlin, N. H., has arranged for a Summer vaudeville with nice, clean, high-class performances consisting of the best and latest moving picture films and latest song "hits" with beautiful colored slides. George J. Dubey is the vocalist and Jesse Tellington machine operator.

For the fifth time Louis Cohen, who conducts a moving picture show place at 1759 Pitkin avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., was in the Gates Avenue Court recently for operating his show on Sunday. Each time he has been arrested by the police of the Brownsville station under orders from Capt. Reynolds. When in court he became obstreperous several times and was finally subdued by being told that he would be taken downstairs and locked up if he didn't keep still. Capt. Reynolds told Magistrate Hylan that Cohen had been charging admission to his show by a subterfuge. Persons were admitted free of charge, but when seated on the inside every one had to purchase five cents' worth of candy, or incur the displeasure of the management. Last week when Cohen was, in court Magistrate Furlong said that he would hold him in an additional \$1,000 bail each time he was arrested. He is now under bail of \$4,000 pending a hearing. Magistrate Hylan let the latest charge against Cohen over, but paroled Cohen in custody of his counsel.

The moving picture show at the Cairo, Ill., opera house will be conducted by Fred'k Connell, who has rented the theater and will give first-class entertainments for the Summer season. Mr. Connell will be his own soloist, and his singing alone will be a great attraction, for he has an exceptionally fine baritone voice.

Arrangements have been concluded whereby Middletown is to have a new form of amusement. Eugene L. Konecke, acting for a New York theatrical firm, has taken over for a term of years the store, No. 42 North street. The entertainment to be provided will consist of the latest of Edison's moving pictures and popular illustrated songs. The firm that is to enter Middletown is one of the best and most substantial in the theatrical field and has a circuit of first-class vaudeville houses through Pennsylvania and New York. It announces its intention of giving Middletown a fine little theater and says it will spare no expense in making the theater a credit to the city.

Manager Michael, of Houston, Texas, has arranged to give moving picture exhibitions during the entire Summer season and has fitted up the opera house with every equipment for comfort, including electric fans. Mr. Michael has announced his intention of putting on the most attractive pictures that can be found and will give the public a treat in the stereopticon line.

Rockwood, Tenn.—Marvin Webster and associates are completing arrangements for the opening of an electric theater. A room in the Coffman building on Rockwood avenue has been leased.

D. E. Johnson, of Pittsburg, was in Gasporia, Kan, to see about opening an electric 5-cent theater. When he found that the license fee was \$12,50 a week he changed his mind. When Johnson called at the city clerk's office to inquire the license fee he met C. W. Harden, who was trying to get his license fee refunded; he had opened a moving picture show and then closed without giving a performance, because no one came. Harden gave Johnson a little advice which decided him on the question of starting a show.

There is a persistent rumor in New York that the New Alhambra Theater, on Fourteenth street, is to be turned into a 5-cent moving picture house, shortly. Also that during warm weather Keith & Proctor's Fifty-eighth street house will be a continuous moving picture show, with 5 cents and 10 cents admission, to take effect from June 10. And yet people say the 5-cent theater is played out. Don't you believe it!

The strike of seamen and longshoremen is extending to English and French ports, and has already delayed the sailing of the French steamer, "La Provence," which no doubt will hit some of the importers hard. We know that Kleine Optical Company have a large consignament of new film subjects booked on this steamer. There will soon be a famine of French films!

ADVERTISING PAYS. A fisherman recently advertised that he would ground bait a certain stream at a certain time. He found the place swarming with fish, some of which had come from neighboring rivers.

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#### Film Review.

A TRIL THROUGH THE HOLY LAND. URBAN ECLIPSE.

In the opening railway panorama the train leaves Jaffa and passes along deep, rocky embankments to the valley of the river Jordan, which flows peacefully at the lase of stupendous cliffs: Here Western habits, dress and customs are left behind, and the rest of the series deals with the mysterions East as it has been from time memorial.

mmemorial.

Jerusalem, Damascus, Ba'albec; the caravans, the processions, the street scenes, the call of the Muezzin; the market in the oasis and the marvelous camel scenes are all typically Eastern, and beautiful in their picturesque setting of mosque and temple, carayanserai and mart, palm-shaded oasis and sun-scorched desert.

Train leaving Jaffa for Jerusalem. Glar-ing sunlight and stony desolation for part

of the way, until
The Valley of the Jordan is reached. The variety of the Johan is reached.
Here a grand railway panorama gives beautiful views of the river as it flows along
its rocky bed at the foot of the cliffs.
Panorama of the Village of Beisan.

Ierusalem. Quaint pictures of Eastern life, with market and street scenes.

Bethlehem. Women at the well.

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Temple of St. Sepulchre, Jerusalem.
Procession of Greek priests and devout

worshippers leaving the temple.

Beautiful ruins of Ba'albec. Camels with attendants passing in the foreground.

Damascus from the heights. Panorama of the city. A typical Eastern scene of mosque, cupola, minaret and flat-roofed dwellings. Gigantic pillars supporting lofty erections, in a niche of which is seen-

A Muezzin, calling the Faithful to even-ing prayer. In contrast to the usual pic-tures, the present one is taken at close quarters, and the very movements of the Muezzin's lips may be seen as he utters his

An Eastern harem. A most unusual picture, and one very difficult to procure. The women and children of the family are seen

on the flat roof of their dwelling.

Grand procession of the caravan conveying the Holy Carpet to Mecca. An immense concourse of people, with women and children, congregated on the house-tops. Bands and symbols slowly make their way through the crowds, and these are followed by

The procession of candles. Monster specimens are first seen, each borne by one man. Then follow others, of such size and weight that six or eight men are necessary to each candle, which is carried horizontally. These large candles are lit on their arrival at the sacred city of Mecca, and

last for the whole year.

The Holy Carpet is the great feature of this remarkable procession. It is carried on the back of a camel, and its appearance is that of an animated tent of gorgeous

Street scene in Damascus-the poorer quarter. Bazaars, markets, water carriers, Arabs, Greeks, and Turks in infinite va-

Farmers bringing corn to market-curious means of transport.

Kourde shepherd driving his flock of sheep to slaughter. A striking picture. Market in the oasis. Congregation of merchants travelers, Arabs and Turks with their camels and asses. These form a su-

mated scene. The camels are being shown to advantage by their attendants, while the merchants examine their points.

Camels feeding. A grand finale to this sublime portrayal of Eastern life, Innumerable camels of the carrier and racing types enjoy their evening meal, or walk about apparently unattended and satisfied

#### UNIVERSAL WINTER SPORTS. URBAN ECLIPSE.

A series of great beauty, combining most picturesque and lovely scenery of the United States of America, Canada, Switzerland, Norway and Sweden with wonderful exhibitions of skill and dexterity of the world's champions in skating, ski-ing, snowshoeing, ice yachting, sleighing, and numberless other exhilarating sports, on snow-capped hills with firs so laden that they gleam as white coral in the strong sun-

At Grindelwald. Arrival of sleighs, with competitors and spectators. The very horses share the general excitement. Horsed sleighs towing a string of com-

petitors, in sleighs and on toboggans. quaint procession.)

Top of Toboggan Course. Preparing for the descent.

Scene on the Cresta. A dangerous curve taken at express speed by the adventurers.

Expert steering. (A most exhilarating spectacle.) Negotiating another curve. A switchback descent: a spill: over the embankment.

Great snowballing scene: dozens of adults engaged. (A fast and furious battle, very

humorous.) Sports on the Rigi summit. Quaint and

nimated scene. Comic imitation cock-fighting episode. A well-contested struggle; both combatants

come to grief. Snowshoe Club. Initiation of a new nember. The novice is tossed repeatedly member into the air and caught in his descent, only

to be again violently shot upwards and again caught by ready hands. Snowshoe adventures. Wild flights of skilled performers, amateur and profes-

Ski jumping and ski races. One after

another the competitors fly through space, alighting only to continue their mad descent—not always, for numerous are the falls. The start is made on the time principle, each competitor leaving a minute after the other.

Ski jumping in Christiania. from an elevation of 2,000 feet, the best "shee" jumpers in the world are engaged. A most exciting picture is presented as, like shots from a repeating gun, the men take the jump before an assemblage of 75 000 spectators.

75 000 speciators. Siedge jumping in Norway by profes-sionals. A most dangerous sport. The competitors, lying prone on their runners, face downwards, guide their frail struc-tures down the hill at terrific pace, at in-tervised taking embankments of snow with the competition of the fact of the competition of the c for this exercise.

Skating at Montreal-world champions igaged. Graceful and difficult feats of engaged. skating accomplished with rare freedom of movement; astounding performances notable for their cleanness and absence of ice-

scratching.

display.

Hurdle races on skates, Toronto. Magnificent views; expert jumping and recov-

Obstacle race on skates. Under and over hurdles, under tables and other obstacles, then into sacks for the final effort.

Sack race, competitors still on skates. Great skill required.

Sledge and apple race, competitors on sledges descending the hill at full pace, must secure apples, which are placed at intervals, on either side of the course. Tilting at the ring, from sledges; during

the descent the rings must be captured upon a short lance. Most expert performances. Orange, bottle and sledge competition. Bottles are suspended at intervals on the incline, at which competitors, going at full speed, throw oranges. A most difficult feat, as the performer must steer as well as throw.

"Bumping" in Norway. Exceedingly humorous. Sledges carry double, male and female, seated opposite. Descending the hill at great speed, each sledge bumps into a snow embankment, with comical results to the occupants.

to the occupants.

Ice-sailing on skates. Each man bears a large sail, and in a strong wind is carried at a tremendous rate over the frozen surface of the lake. Skillful steering is necessary.

Ice-yachting on the River St. Lawrence. Clever, graceful and dexterous perform-

Bringing up the yachts. Yachts in full sail and turning are expertly maneuvered and controlled.

Sleigh races, horse drawn. Round curves, on the straight, the home stretch-most exhilarating.

School children at Grindelwald. A crowd of boys and girls ready for any seasonable fun. Great excitement. Permission is Great excitement.

given for tobogganing on a large scale.
Scores of children in rapid succession
descend the hill. A humorous display.
Grand finale. Great spill and scrimmage. A delightful picture is presented as

all the laughing youngsters come to grief in a squirming heap. (Beautifully tinted.)

#### A PERFECT NUISANCE. GAUMONT.

Street scene, palatial residence front. From the door there emerges a man, who, not taking notice where he goes in his haste, treads on the corn of a pedestrian coming in the opposite direction. He seemingly apologizes, and looks back at the man holding his foot. This looking back proves fatal, for he bumps into another pedestrian and goes on his way, leaving the two to console one another and vow vengeance. A photographer is posing a group of two ladies and a gent in a park, when our nuisance appears on the scene and upsets the arrangements; apologizing, he watches the method of focusing, rearranging, etc., then wants to know how it's done, looking into the lens of the camera, making both photographer and sitters angry. When everything is again ready, he sits in the lap of one of the ladies, upon which they proceed to belabor him with sticks and umbrellas until he vanishes from the scene. We next meet him in a first-class compartment of an express train, in which are seated three ladies. To their confusion, he Market in the oasis, Congregation of Exhibition by Ulrich Salchow, of Swemerchants travelers. Arabs and Tarks with
their came and asses. These form a sustate of the condition of the salch with the condition of the condition lady in succession. After performing this of the spirits and drinks the liquid con-operation to his entire satisfaction and the taining the works of the clock. After a disgust of the ladies, who have no choice while, pains in the stomach become in-in the matter, he resumes his attire, and tense; the clockmaker, observing him, hurdisgust of the ladies, who have no choice in the matter, he resumes his attire, and taking from his coat pocket a bottle of wine, bread and poloni, he proceeds to eat, wine, bread and poloni, he proceeds to eat, first giving to each lady portions of the poloni, and from their grimaces, it, to say the least, is not very fragrant. Having come to the end of their journey, we next see a park where two ladies and a gent are picnicking; one lady goes off on an arrand and the two remaining begin to indulge in a little spooning, when just as they are about to embrace, our nuisance intervenes. The result is, he gets a castigation from the hands of the couple. Further on, the park ends at a river; on the bank is a fisherman, just getting a good bite; our nuisance turns up at the wrong moment and causes the fisherman to lose his rod, for which he gets a good trouncing. The balcony of a thea-ter is next shown, with a very select audience intently watching the strage. A va-cant seat in front row is observed. In a while an attendant points out this seat, which corresponds to the number held by our nuisance, who, regardless of the rights of others, is seen coming down over the heads of the audience, stepping from chair to chair, finally landing in the vacant chair, amid the glares of those he has disturbed. After settling himself, he turns to the lady on his left, and without any "by your peron its left, and without any by your per-mission," calmly takes her opera glasses from her lap and proceeds to view the stage. From the lady on the right he next takes programme and peruses it, while the takes programme and peruses it, while the ladies' escorts try to wither him by their angry looks. He next takes all the applause as due to himself and becomes excited. Next producing a large bandana handkerchief in the midst of a pathetic piece, he spoils the effect by loudly blowing his nose; the men of the audience shake their fists at him and threaten him with vengeance if he does not desist. The limit of their endurance of the nuisance is reached when he draws out a cigar and proceeds to light it. They will not let him do so, and as he persists, they finally expel him from the theater.

#### THE HUMAN CLOCK.

GAUMONT.

Interior of room, showing master of house impatiently ringing bell for maid and glancing at clock on mantel. Maid shortly appears with coat, which he dons, but when she leaves the room he finds she has not brought his hat, for which he violently rings. On her reappearance he explains his rings. On her reappearance he explains his wants; she calls at the door, and the chef, in full uniform of the kitchen, appears with the hat, which the master receives, places it on his head, and goes off. As soon as the coast is clear, the chef and maid indulge in a little frolic, during which the chef accidentally breaks an ornament of the clock on the mantel. Consternation ensues, until a happy throught strikes the chef, who seizes the clock, wraps it in his apron, and with many explanations to the apron, and with many explanations to the maid, departs. Following him down the areaway and the street, we see him pause before a clock repairer's store, into which he enters, and finds the repairer at work. He explains his errand, producing the clock. The clockmaker soon takes it to blocks and putts the state of the bed. The dog utters a wail and like inquid with the other works. It is then beside him. We now see the hearse of the leaves the workbench, presumably to at-poorhouse, in which is contained a plain tend a customer, when the chef, smelling black coffin, bearing the remains of the at a bottle, notices what appears to be a beggar, being hurriedly driven toward the glass of water, into which he empties some cemetery, with the faithful dog following.

ries him off to a surgeon, to whom is explained the predicament. After the surticking of the swallowed mechanism, they produce the X-Ray apparatus and get a radiograph of the contents of stomach, which they show the chef. The surgeon then produces a scymitar, making a motion then oroduces a scymitar, making a motion to cut open the chef, who strenuously refuses to submit to the operation. Some explanations pass, after which the clockmaker, taking the chef- by the arm, hurries him back to the workshop, puts him on a table, then taking the dial of the clock, screws it onto the works in chef's stomach, giving instant relief. The chef goes on his way rejoicing, with the clock buttoned inside his coat. The room interior is now seen. The master enters and at once misses the clock from its accustomed place. He bangs the table bell, which immediately brings the maid on the scene. He asks about the clock, and while she is covered. with confusion the chef enters, and, being questioned, opens his coat, showing the clock at work. A little comic by-play with the hands of the clock finishes the scene.

#### THE FAITHFUL DOG: OR, TRUE TO THE END.

TIDRAN-PCT IDSE

A roadside beggar, with the usual card, "Blind," upon his chest, is seen with a dog, who has a tin can around his neck and is who has a tin can around his neck and is sitting on his hind legs. Two or three pedestrians give alms to the dog and the beggar takes the coins from the tin. Hav-ing finished their day's work, the dog leads the beggar through the various streets to a squalid tenement, an attic of which the beggar calls his home. The beggar retires for the night, and after patting he dog on the head (who lies down by the side of the bed), he goes to sleep. Awaking in the night with a fit of coughing and gasping night with a fit of coughing and gasping for breath, the poor beggar, in great pain, calls his dog to him. The dog jumps on his bed, and his master gives him instructions, writing a message for a doctor, which le gives the dog. After being fondled and caressed by his master, the dog goes off, leaving his master in the throes of agony. The dog, passing along the street, stops before a lady pedestrian, who, seeing he is carrying a note, takes it from him, and reading the request for a doctor, leads the reading the request for a doctor, leads the dog to the nearest one that she can find. He is led by the dog to his master's bed-side. After full examination, the doctor tells the beggar his is a hopeless case. He MENNEGAN & GO., Cincinnate writes out a prescription and leaves the room. The beggar then calls the dog to him, ties the can around his neck, and placing money therein and the prescription of the doctor, bids him go to the drug store. The dog faithfully performs his errand; going to the drug store, is received by the proprietor, who, taking the prescripby the proprietor, who, taking the prescri-tion and the money, makes up the deco-tion. Wrapping up the bottle, he gives it to the dog, who trots off to his master with the medicine. Alas! he arrives too late, and the poor fellow has just strength left to take one drink, when he falls back on the bed. The dog utters a wail and lies beside him. We now see the hearse of the poorhouse, in which is contained a plain black coffin, bearing the remains of the heavest being hurricfly driver inward the

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The dog lies down on the grave, where a plain wood cross serves to mark the name of the one who lies below, and is seen by the caretaker of the cemetery; is driven away, but returns to lie down again by the side of the grave. The kind-hearted wife and the keeper bring some food for the dog, which he refuses to eat. The man and the woman then leave him alone, un-molested, and the poor, faithful canine dies in sorrow on the grave of his master.

#### THE SUBSTITUTE DRUG CLERK GATIMONT

Interior of drug store, with proprietor giving instructions to assistant, after which he leaves the store in his care. No sooner is he out of sight than the clerk calls in the man who is cleaning the store windows and asks him to take charge while he goes out for a while to a gambling house, where he is seen deeply interested in a game of cards. The substitute, looking around, perceives the white coat of the proprietor, which he puts on. A lady is now seen with a sudden attack of faintness on the side walk; she manages to stagger to the drug store and sinks into a chair, explaining her feelings to the clerk, who mixes a potion, which she takes and leaves the store. A carriage is now rapidly driven to the store, carriage is now rapidly driven to the stor, and a gentleman, alighting, goes into the store and complains he has asthma. The clerk, listens attentively, then gets a but of pills, which he hands to the custome, pocketing the fee. The gentleman takes one and goes out. Finding the cabma coughing, he hands him one of the pills which is taken. They then drive off. The cab is now seen coming down the stret, and is now seen coming down the stret. with the cabman swaying as if drunk, driving the horse first to one side of the road, then the other; ultimately bringing the cab to a stand, he falls off the box. A crowd, with police, gathers, and seeing the condition of both gent and cabman, awaker them with difficulty and take them off. The clerk is now seen, still wasting his time playing cards, not heeding his master's business, perfectly oblivious to what is the ing place through his neglect. A dining-

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room, with five persons taking their seats at a table, shows another phase of the substitute's mistakes. The head of the house situte's mistakes. The head of the house hands each of his guests a digestive tablet preparatory to the meal. In a little while the drugs begin to take effect; first one yawns, then another, then one after the other kall asleep, with heads resting on their arms on the table. In this condition a maid-servant finds them, and in alarm a maid-servant must them, and in alarm summons aid, and they get relief from the dope-drop drugs served by the substitute, Each one, actuated by the same impulse, make their way to the drug store, where the substitute is still in charge, and begin to take him severely to task. The entrance to take him severely to task. The entrance of the proprietor saves him, and while the victims are pummeling the proprietor, the window-cleaner escapes with his bucket and

#### THE CHILD ACCUSER. GAUMONT.

We see gathered in the dining-room of a loading-house a group at lunch. One by one, having satisfied their hunger, they retire, leaving a party of three, consisting of the daughter of the house and two male boarders, who are rivals in love, both seek-ing the hand of the daughter. We soon see that one is favored more than the other, who goes off in high dudgeon, threatening them with his fists as he retires. Left to themselves, the man begins to make love to the girl; his advances being reciprocated, to the girl, in advances being recipiedated, the proposes marriage and is accepted, the girl scating herself on the knees of the lover, to the intense chagrin of the rejected suitor, whose evil face is seen at the window, watching them. Several years elapse; there is now shown the interior of a home, where a little boy is seen playing with his mother; the father returns. A knock at the door is answered by the wife, who ushers in the rejected suitor of six or seven years ago. He appears as a friend and is received as such by both husband and wife, who ask him to partake of their refreshments. In a little while the husband leaves the room, leaving his wife and child with the friend. He abuses the confidence placed in him by making love to the wife. The return of the husband interferes with the progress of the love-making. The husband witains a situation for his old rival and we see them at work on some heavy masonry, working upon a scaffold. By and by the men seem to find a bone of contention, and the seem to find a bone of the blows. The quarrel, which finally ends in blows. false friend, dealing a blow upon the hus-hand's chest, knocks him from the scaffold. Starting back in horror, he peers over the edge of the scaffold, then makes his way to the ladder, descends to the round and finds his victim on the steps the building with a broken back. He burries to obtain assistance. In the meantime the little boy appears with his father's dinner pail, and seeing him stretched, muillated, on the steps, he goes up to him and eceives the last words of his father and his blessing. The murderer now appears ith assistance, and they carry the victim o the hospital, where we see him, swathed n bandages, breathing his last in the arms of his wife, who has been hastily sum-oned to the bedside of the husband. The to the bedside of the husband. The doctor and police in attendance are startled by the appearance of the little boy, who accesses the rival of being the cause of his o suffer the penalty of his crime.

#### SAVED FROM THE WRECK. GAUMONT.

The interior of a fisherman's cottage, where the husband, wife and child are seen where the husband, whe and child are seen er joying their dinner. Ere they have finished, the door is opened by one of the mates of the fisherman, who tells him the fleet is ready to sail. Kissing his wife and child, he goes with the mate. We now see the fleet of boats on their way to the fishing grounds. Some time has elapsed, much longer than usual for the return of the boats, when the wife, becoming anxious, goes to the lookout station to ascertain whether the boats have been sighted or not. To her dismay, the man in charge is about to raise the storm cone as a warning to mariners. He tells her there is nothing in sight. She goes to her home and anxiously sight. She goes to her nome and anxiously awaits the abating of the storm, peering out, in her anxiety, time and again through the window, but the darkness is too intense for her to see anything. Her anxiety becomes so great that she dons her shawl, preparatory to going out. The little girl, seeing her anxiety and knowing something is wrong, begs to be permitted to go with her. The mother accedes to her request, and, both wrapped in the shawl, together they brave the storm. After reaching the beach, making their way to the promontory overlooking the bay, they anxiously peer through the darkness for a sign of the return of the fleet. None appears to their vision, and the little girl, sharing the anx-iety of her mother, falls on her knees on the greensward and prays to the great "All Good" for the deliverance of her father and his companions from the dangers of

The mother blesses and thanks her, pats her on the head, and telling her to pray on, leaves her and going to the edge of the cliff peers through the darkness of the storm. We now see in the midst of the sea a craft heavily buffeted and beaten by the waves; suddenly springing a leak, sinks out of sight, leaving the mast out of the water, on which is seen the absent father and husband climbing little by little until he reaches the top, and is saved from a watery grave. The fleet of boats return watery grave. The fleet of boats return to the harbor, battered and storm-tossed. The fishermen are greeted by their wives and families on their safe return and deliverance. By and bye, several of the men make their way to the cottage of the missing mate, coming in and seeing the mother and daughter anxiously expecting the father. One sturdy old salt is deputed to tell them the sad news of the wreck and the loss of the husband and father. Gathering her child in her arms, she tells her she is fatherless, and seeks comfort in the caresses which the child gives her. The the assurance that they will be cared for. A party of tourists are seen seating themselves on the rocks at the foot of the cliffs, closely scanning the horizon with marine glasses and telescopes; suddenly something glasses and terescopes, studently sometimes attracts their attention, and they question among themselves what it can be. The wife, who has not given up the hope of seeing her husband again, and who haunts the beach, observing the party, begs of them to lend her their glasses. She peers through the glass and sees a man clinging through the glass and sees a man chinging to a mast far out; fully believing it to be her husband, she rushes to the life-saving station, calls up the life-boat men, telling them there is the derelict out in the bay. They scan it with their glasses and rush ather's death, to which he confesses, and the lifeboat to the water. The wife instance taken in custody by the police, sists on going with them on their work of rescue. The lifeboat rides with the MURRAY C. PROBASCO, Beloit, Wis...

boisterous waves, and, pulling laboriously on the oars, gradually get nearer and nearer to the mast. One of the men in the boat throws him a life line; catching it and tying it round his waist, he falls into the water and is drawn into the boat, where are quickly brought to land and to their home, where all the neighbors flock in and rejoice at the return of the one who was thought lost.

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#### MOVING PICTURES PLAYED OUT?

Press clippings from near and far (a very, very small percentage of the whole), have been received, including one from a theatrical paper, to the effect that the moving picture craze (?) is on the wane. In the latter case, the wish may be father to the thought; but, while they are receiving large emoluments, in the shape of advertising from the manufacturers, dealers and renters of films we think great caution ought to be exercised before giving voice to such reports. We know the rapid advance made in public favor of the five-cent theater is a bitter pill for theatrical men to swallow, and that receipts have gone down considerably with many houses, owing to the growing desire of a discriminating public to see the pictures. The abortive attempt on the part of a syndicate to oust the cuckoo from the nest showed conclusively that the people appreciate the fare provided by the nickelodeons. Hence the conversion of large theaters to meet the growing demand. Will the moving pictures oust the drama? Hardly. The legitimate will always have its patrons, but the prices are far above the means of the vast majority of the city population, and until a "National Theater" supported by the state, and free to the citizens is built in every large center, the poorer class will sigh in vain to gain admittance thereto. Moving pictures played out? Indeed, no! They have only just begun to develop. The public taste is growing and improving, and it is asking for natural scenery, travel stories, tales with a moral. The manufacturers are being besieged with orders for films of this nature, and we hear of factories being built to accommodate the demand, here and abroad. The educational end of the question has been only lightly touched to the present, and the example set by manufacturers in England, France, Germany and Norway, will . soon be adopted here. To look back to 1895, when the . first films were publicly exhibited, and voted a failure although a curiosity, and watch the various improvements made step by step, until the public were content to sit for an entertainment of two hours and not tire, as they have done for the past six seasons at Birmingham, England, and will be willing to do so here, shows conclusively to our mind that the pictures are anything but played out. We will revert to this subject again in the rear future.

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### Electricity for the Operator

By H. MEREDITH-JONES, M. E., C. E.

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#### THE UNITS OF MEASUREMENT.

This chapter refers only to the necessary units of measurement that the writer will use in the course of these articles and that are absolutely necessary for the use of an operator who intends to familiarize himself with a thorough practical as well as a good theoretical knowledge of every-day electrical practice.

This chapter is subdivided into the following groups,

viz.:

The Fundamental Units. The Derived Mechanical Units. The Practical Electric Units.

The Units of Light.
Photometry or Measurement of Light.
Tables of Symbols.

At the "Paris Congress" held in France, April, 1884 a number of electrical engineers and scientists were called together to establish a correct universal system of measuring electricity by means of a set of standards or units. This congress was originated by the French Government, who were desirous that France, then one of the leading nations in electrical matters, should assemble such a congress, at which the question of the standards or units of electrical measurement was settled. These standards have never been changed and are adopted universally. So well arranged are they, that they have met all advanced conditions and requirements of electrical developments. Of course, there have been other congresses at which electrical engineers have improved and added to them as new developments took place.

The names given to the various units were done so in honor of great men in the electrical world who were pioneers; such as the volt after Volta, ampere after Monsieur Ampere, ohm after Dr. Ohm, and others. These names are therefore merely names of distinction to repre-

sent some unit of measurement.

#### THE FUNDAMENTAL UNITS.

The system of the "Paris Congress" started with three fundamental units, which composed a simple system known popularly among electricians as the C. G. S. system of units, on account of the first letter of their individual names, and are as follows:

The Centimetre as the unit of Length. The Gramme as the unit of Mass. The Second as the unit of Time.

#### THE CENTIMETRE.

The centimetre is equal to four-tenths of an inch in length, nearly; it is the one-thousandth-millionth part of a quarter of the circumference of the earth at the equator, and is to-day the French unit as well as the unit of the metric system of measurement. The centimetre is nearly 25/64ths (twenty-five sixty-fourths) of an inch on an every-day rule. The centimetre is the one-hundredth part of a metre and is itself subdivided into lesser parts called millimetres, which are the tenth part of a centimetre and the thousandth part of a metre. A metre is similar to our yards and measures 39 1/3 inches, approximately. Remember, there are ten millimetres in

a centimetre, one hundred centimetres in a metre, and one thousand metres in a kilometre.

#### THE GRAMME.

The gramme is equal, approximately, to fifteen an one-half grains; it represents the mass (or sometime called weight) of a cubic centimetre of water at for degrees centigrade.

Mass is the quantity of matter in a body; to illustra further, about the amount of weight a gramme would be when you divide an ounce into twenty-eight parts, ead part would represent approximately a gramme. A thou sand grammes is known as a kilogramme.

#### THE SECOND.

The second is always for general use in practical we taken as the sixtieth part of a minute according to the watch, but its standard was the time of one swing of pendulum making 86,164 swings in a sidereal day, the 1/86,400th part of mean solar day. This unit is well known to all operators through its daily use the further explanation of it would be unnecessary.

#### THE DERIVED MECHANICAL UNITS.

Area.—The unit of area is the square centimetre; tall is, a square whose four sides each measure of centimetre in length.

VOLUME.—The unit of volume is the cubic centimetre that is, a block or cube all the six sides of which measure a centimetre in length each. A cube la

six faces or sides, like a die or box.
VELOCITY.—Is the rate of motion. It involves the ite of direction as well as that of magnitude. Velocit is uniform when the rate of motion does m change; that is, when equal spaces are travers in equal intervals of time. The unit of velocity the velocity of a body which moves through distance in unit time, or the velocity of one commetre per second. Velocity is more familia metre per second. spoken of as speed.

MOMENTUM.—Is the quantity of motion in a body, is measured by the mass (weight) multiplied

the velocity.

To more popularly illustrate these last to units, I will take, for instance, a boy weighing in kilogrammes running down the street after a de and he is running with a speed, say, of one had dred centimetres per second; that is, in every set ond of time he covers one hundred centimetres the length of the street. That is the velocity the boy. You know when you run fast that you a not stop immediately or suddenly unless you stril an immovable object, such as a wall; now, that due to the momentum you have gained through your own weight multiplied by the velocity which you were running; so, in the case of boy running at a velocity of one hundred cen metres per second multiplied by his mass of fall kilogrammes equals the momentum of the boy.

Horse-power.-33,000 ft.-lbs. per minute, or 550 ftper second. A ft-lb. (foot-pound) is one per raised one foot high. A horse-power is 3300 pounds lifted one foot high in one minute; or may be any number of pounds which, multiply the number of feet through which they lifted in one minute, which will equal 33,000, equal a horse-power. For example, thirty-fine pounds lifted one hundred feet in a minute equal a horse-power of energy. This unit adopted by James Watt, of Birmingham, English the inventor of the steam engine, as a unit for measuring the power of his engines, because he found it to be the average work of a draught horse in those days.

An electrical horse-power equals 746 watts (a watt is explained elsewhere in this chapter under heading, "The Watt").

#### PRACTICAL ELECTRIC UNITS.

#### THE VOLT.

The first unit to be considered is the unit of pressure or force that moves and causes to move any electric current. It is called the "volt," and is the name given the electric unit of pressure as the "pound" is to the bressure of steam, water, etc.

The volt is sometimes referred to as the "electro-motive force," and is called the E. M. F., and has the symbol

"E" given to it for use in working out any calculation.

The electro-motive force, or volt, is equivalent to the difference of potential or pressure between two points The Legal Volt is the electro-motive force which mains a current of one ampere in a conductor or wire whose resistance is the Legal Ohm. A volt is about seven per cent. less than the E. M. F. of a standard Daniell's fell or battery.

Remember that the electro-motive force is written as E. M. F. and is spoken of as such in general practice.

#### THE AMPERE.

The second practical unit of electrical measurement is the unit of the flow of current, and is known as the "am-

The Legal Ampere is the current that will decompose the one ten-thousandth part of a gramme of water into is two gases, oxygen and hydrogen, or it is the current hat will deposit in an electro-plating bath four grammes pt silver per hour. This is approximately correct.

The milliampere is the one-thousandth part of an ampere.

#### THE OHM.

The third unit of electrical measurement is the unit of resistance, called the "ohm."

The olm is equal to the resistance of a column of pure mercury (quicksilver) one square millimetre in cross secion, and one hundred and six centimetres long, at the temperature of melting ice.

The megohm equals one million ohms.

The microhm equals the one-millionth part of an ohm.

#### THE COULOMB.

The fourth unit of electrical measurement is the unit of the quantity of current and is called the "coulomb."

It is always symbolized by the letter "O" for quantity. It is the quantity of current given by one ampere in one second.

#### THE FARAD.

The fifth unit of electrical measurement is the unit of capacity; that is, the capacity of anything to hold electricity, just as a bucket holds five gallons.

It is known as the "farad."

A farad is the capacity defined by the condition that a coulomb charges to the potential or pressure of a volt. The microfarad is the capacity of one-millionth of a larad.

#### THE WATT.

The sixth unit of electrical measurement is the unit of lower, called the "watt."

It is the power conveyed by a current of one ampere hrough a conductor or wire, whose ends differ in pressure by a volt, and is called a watt. Therefore it is one

wolt multiplied by one ampere. For instance, a current of 15 amperes flowing through a conductor or wire at a pressure of 100 volts, will be 15 amperes × 100 volts = 1,500 watts. Now, there are 746 watts in an electrical horse-power, as already explained under heading of horse-power; so, by dividing the number of electrical horse-power. For example, if we take the above case of 1,500 watts and divide it by 746, it gives us approximately 2 horse-power.

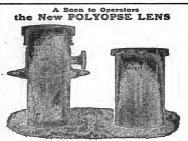
Current is generally measured and sold by the number of watts or watt-hours; now, a watt-hours is the amount of one watt for one hour and 1,000 watt-hours constitute a unit in this case. For example, a current of 10 amperes flowing at a pressure of 100 volts for one hour equals 1,000 watt-hours, because 10 × 100 = 1,000, and so any other combination of amperes and volts equalling 1,000 watts for an hour would constitute a 1,000 watt-hour unit.

#### THE JOULE.

The seventh unit of electrical measurement is the unit of work or heat, called the joule. It is the work done or heat generated by a wait in a second, or, in other words, it is the work done or heat generated in a second by an ampere, flowing through the resistance of an ohm; or, again, we may take the heat generated by a coulomb running down through a difference of potential or pressure of one volt.

This unit is used for measuring the amount of heat given off, say, by a resistance coil or any other electrical apparatus. It is well known that an electric current flowing through a resistance box or rheostat of any kind gives off heat, and, since any work done means heat generated, they are one and the same thing. For example, when you work hard you get warm, and the harder you work the warmer you get; so, you see, if you think for a moment, that work done and heat generated are one and the same thing. All electric currents flowing through wires, conductors, or any form of apparatus always generate heat more or less as the work is done or overcome; of course, sometimes the heat is almost imperceptible except to a very sensitive thermometer placed against the wire or apparatus and the reading taken at various times or long intervals and it is by this method one can determine the amount of waste of electricity through heat.

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#### How the Cinematographer Works and Some of His Difficulties.

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"Another interesting one is a deer-stalking scene taken near Pinehurst. Deer-stalking as it is pursued at present means that a man takes a camera and goes out to hunt his prey. It is just as exciting as hunting with a rifle, does not interfere with any legal prejudices and requires as much technique if not more than the use of a rifle,

"The film shows a man with a camera chasing a deer. That is, the artist with his outfit is following closely the man who is working another camera. It is very amusing and gives you a very good idea of the timidity of the deer and the difficulty of getting within range.

"An interesting game series was taken recently on the private fishing grounds of Lord Strathcona, showing the

complete view of the landing of a salmon.

"The cinematograph man has to follow the fisherman in a boat and finds great difficulty in getting a range that will show him the whole fight from start to finish, but there are probably no photographs which show such splendid action as these. The tarpon is to be taken next, and it will be interesting for sportsmen to witness the difference of method in landing these two famous fighting fish.

"The wild turkey is rapidly becoming extinct. A cinematograph hunt was arranged in Virginia under the guidance of one of the most famous turkey men in the country, old Everett, who, it is asserted, could call a turkey back to life. He belongs to the so-called po' white trash and is an interesting character.

"He uses a couple of dry turkey bones for the call, manipulating them in some weird way, and suddenly you hear the rush of wings as the turkeys leave their nests in the high branches, and then the fun begins.

"Another series just completed is the quail shooting at Pinehurst, and there is always a steady trade with series like the Meadowbrook Hunt and the automobile races.

"The usual every-day series involve not a little trouble. A thoroughly equipped theater is necessary, whose proportions are properly adjusted and scenic artists who can paint any backgrounds necessary. One day, taking the representation of some comic song, like 'Everybody Works But Father,' where is employed the best character artists, and the next the whole interior will be turned into a representation of the Pennsylvania tunnel.

"When an out of door scene is depicted Biograph Co. chooses a suitable locality and oftentimes many amusing experiences are the outcome of their trips. Lately, in New Jersey, they portrayed the rescue of a child from a burning house by a passing pedestrian.

"They obtained permission from the authorities, but had neglected to warn a neighboring company of fire laddies, composed of the busiest men in the place. They got to the scene of the red property fire and smoke all right, with a great clatter and din, leaving luncheons, clients and trade for the purpose.

"In another rescue which took place in a retired partol New York State near the Hudson, where a high fear protected us from the highroad, what was their amount to see two elderly men, who turned out to be plysicians, scaling that fence with a celerity you wouldn't have believed possible from their dignity and age, if you hadn't seen it.

"They had a similar difficulty with a farmer who natook a biograph kidnaping for the real thing and raise a hue and cry that started the whole village at our het. This gave the artist an opportunity to get in a very relistic picture of an infuriated mob in action. It is sufficiently that they chose that locality, for if it had taken place out we I suppose they would have added a few bullets to the je of the occasion.

"Lately, to finish a melodramatic series where a weak exposes the dishonesty of a man, who responds by throing her into a mill pond, they allow the leading me to bring along a feminine friend, who, he said, could be the work and was able to swim. As the pond had a dept of thirty feet, naturally they made this accomplishme a necessary part of the contract.

"When they arrived after half a day's journey the gi confessed that she could not swim a stroke, but she plud ly insisted on being thrown in the water, trusting to be stalwart rescuer who, of course, appears on the scene take her out. He did it all right and the picture us successful, for the struggle of the girl was a real on but for a few minutes some of them had their hearts their mouths.

"Another time one of the girls hired to depict a similar dramatic episode jumped from the rear of a ferryke into the North River. This one was a fine swimmer as the boats were near to pick her up, but unfortunately a skirts became entangled and if it had not been for the prompt work of the men stationed there she would be tainly have lost her life.

"Lying down on the tracks in front of an approached train to be rescued at a critical moment by a party et rain men is another method of earning both money and excitement, each provided in a large quantity, for prowho risk life and limb, or at least who run the chart of an unpleasant notoriety, demand high salaries, and get them.

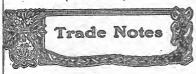
"At the big Holloway farm near East Orange this had an amusing fox hunt and a pack-of hounds too part in it, while the staff were arrayed like the tulips of the garden, in pink coats and fine linen.

"They had the whole place at their disposal and em had a genuine fox, which, however, was not a lowed in freedom of the place, but was concealed in a basket be on the arm of one of the character artists who improsonated an old woman just returning from market.

"She was given a good start and then the hounds of the party gave a view hallo, and after her they scurished stone walls, and scaled up one side and down another of a hay rick, she forded streams and jumped ditches.

"Finally she was cornered and the chase ends in well portrayed disgust as the sports see what they have been pursuing all day. The most amusing part of this episode was that a lot of genuine sportsmen had tagged along to get a try at the brush."

(To be continued.)



We interviewed the promoter of a new company, who announced the advent of a new moving picture machine shortly to be placed on the market. He claims many unique qualities for the machine, which is smaller and more simple in construction than any at present on the market.

The arc light may be used, yet fine results can be obained with high power incandescent lamps attached to
the ordinary lamp socket. The principal claim is for
actylene gas; the makers have constructed an explosion
roof tube, to run 240 hours at a cost of \$1.00. The
weight of the apparatus is approximately 10 pounds,
guaranteed to be fire-proof, and will sell for \$80.00 complete.

The American Moving Picture Company has opened an indefinite angagement at the Town Hall Theater, Saratoga Springs, N. Y. The management announces hat they will give exhibitions every hour from 3,30 to 3,00 pm. every day for the balance of the season unless he theater is occupied by larger theatrical attractions. Illustrated songs form a portion of the program and the moving pictures chosen are all new and up-to-date.

A new amusement enterprise, known as the Star Theater, is to be opened by W. C. Stonaker and Frank Sturges in the Armory building, Danbury, Com. In connection with the regular moving picture attractions there will be dilustrated songs and a vaudeville act. The hall is being arranged to accommodate about 500 persons, elevated sets being installed. It is the expectation of the promoters to open the new theater on Monday, June 17.

The Theatorium, the new moving picture theater recently so handsomely fitted up on Market street, Wilmington, N. C., opened its doors to the public last week, and from all accounts is doing well.

W. A. Douque, of Herkimer, has decided to open in Onconta, N. Y., a five-cent theater in which to give moving picture exhibitions. Mr. Douque already has several of these theaters running throughout this section of the State.

The moving picture show owned by Messrs. Shigley and Studabaker at Columbia City, Ind., opened last week. Only high-class films will be exhibited.

Two more nickelodeons are to be started in Mondsville, W. Va., within a few days, one on the corner of Second street and the other on Jefferson avenue. C. R. Babcock, of New Haven, and Charles Van Zandt. of Willimantic, Conn., are changing the store on Masonic street, Northampton, Mass., into an amusement hall, where moving picture exhibitions will be given.

The Cohoes (N. Y.) City Hospital benefit given by Mgr. H. R. Jacobs on Wednesday, June 5, at the Cohoes Opera House when Archie L. Shepard's high-class moving pictures were the attraction, was a great success. The entire gross receipts of the matinee performances were donated to this worthy institution.

The great and increasing popularity of the biograph offers unlimited inducements and opportunities for inventors to extend the scop of this interesting novelty. A New York man, recognizing also the universal demand for postcards, has devised a card embodying a miniature biograph. The card has a compartment in the center. Fitting closely in this compartment is a pack of thin cards, one edge of the cards being bound and hinged to the base card. Printed on the cards is some interesting scene, each successive card showing the next view of the moving picture. To show the scene the cards are raised, with the thumb in a position to release each card successively. There being no complicated parts in this novelty, the cost of manufacture is said to be low enough to admit of practical use.

From Alabama we hear that another moving picture theater will be added to Birmingham's already large list of amusement houses in about a week. This new place will be on Third avenue. This will be about No. 13 of the moving picture theaters of Birmingham for white people, and this city will soon rank with Atlanta in the number of this kind of attractions.

Competition is lively among the moving picture thea ters of this city, and all of them are constantly making improvements or adding to their bills, which is evidence that the business pays. The theaters that once gave only one picture at each performance for the price of 5 cents, now give two moving pictures and an illustrated song or some other feature, sometimes with several performers.

Three popular young men of Charleston, S. C., have opened a "Pictorium" in the recital hall of the Cable building, King street, with entrances on Society streer, and expect to do their share towards entertaining the crowds that are now to be seen on the streets any evening. The Pictorium, as the name suggests, is a "moving picture" show. The place is comfortable, easy of access and the best of films are used, with illustrated songs and instrumental music. Charleston has a number of these pleasant and inexpensive places and the rule seems to be that the crowd visits them all in turn.

John P. Corrigan, chief of the bureau of licenses of New York, recommended to the mayor that the licenses of the so-called penny arcade places of amusement be revoked pending further investigation by the police. Commissioner Bingham already has received reports that children under sixteen years of age are allowed to enter such places. The police also have reported that many of the pictures shown in those places are immoral.

If the mayor approves the recommendation some 70 such arcades located in the Bowery, Park row, Third avenue, 125th and other streets, will be closed by the police.

Here's something new from Charleston, S. C.: A new feature is added to the already popular amusement enterprise which has set King street to talking—it is an automobile bus service. The big fourteen-seat cars ordered by Riddock & Byrns for city and searshore service, in connection with the auto livery company, arrived from the factory and were immediately put into commission. They were run up to "Wonderland" and the drivers and conductors announced "trips around the city and back to the starting point" at very reasonable figures. The plan was not altogether understood at first and few availed themselves of the opportunity for a moonlight ride of a novel kind. No doubt when the young folks-understand the proposition they will be delighted to get up parties and make the flying trip about the city and back again to "Wonderland."

Perfection in apparatus, expert operators, comfortable theater and the finest films made, wins approval from

the people of this wide-awake city.

"I have been thinking," said an observant man, "of what effect the moving picture business will have on

theaters the coming season.

"The constant changing of pictures will keep alive the interest and of course the pictures will be made more and more attractive and interesting. The five cents admission will always draw and the people will be made accustomed to a low price of admission, and will decline to pay the prices heretofore charged at the theaters.

"It looks to me as if the moving pictures will in a measure be the doom of the larger attractions.

"There are, of course, some classes of shows that will hardly be affected. A minstrel show, for instance. The pictures may give the movements of the performers, but they cannot propound the conundrums or sing the coon songs. But where is there a magician who can perform the feats of appearing and disappearing and other phases of the black art as well as we can see it done by the manipulation of the camera on the moving pictures?

"Then there is the melodrama and the comedy. True, they are silent parts in the moving pictures, but they tell their stories plainly enough without words.

"The ridiculous admission fee of five cents to a cosy parlor-like place, under cooling fans, to see pictures of life scenes, in low and high life, with glimpses of foreign lands and people some of us will never hope to see, and yet read about, will, in my opinion, have a telling effect on the amusement season.

"And if, as stated, the phonograph syncronized to the picture, so as to give an opera complete, is added, then I am sure the stage will be practically deserted.

"But this is progress. The good old things are vanishing one by one, and new things up to date are taking their places,"

From Auburn, N. Y., comes the news that John T. West, who recently erected a tent for the exhibition of moving pictures at the Lakeside Park, and which blew down during a wind storm, is having a serious time to get his tent repaired. He could not get the tent repaired at Auburn or in Syracuse, and has been obliged to express it to Chicago. The tent is 30 by 80 feet and will comfortably seat 500 people. The lining of the tent was badly damaged as well as a portion of the outside. The tent will be so arranged as to do away with the center pole, which if left would obstruct the view of people seeing the pictures.

For some time past there have been two moving patter shows in operation in Oneida, N. Y., and now then is another on the way. E. J. Preston, Oneida's welknown opera house manager, will enter the ranks with a new outfit. Charles Leclau, who will be associated with Mr. Preston in the enterprise, came to New York where he bought a new machine and arranged for som of the best pictures to be had. The outfit will be located in the Walrath block.

Fire in the moving picture show at No. 672 Broadwa, Williamsburg, Brooklyn, N. Y., did so much dams that it will be some time before performances can be resumed. Persons living in the house rushed parstricken to the street, frightened by the noise made he explosions of picture films. There was no one is the moving picture place at the time and the proprist Abraham Canno, cannot account for the origin of the blaze. The blaze spread to No. 670 Broadway, when it did \$1,500 damage; Canno estimates his loss at \$5,000 to \$1.00 to \$1.0

Malone's (N. Y.) second new nickel theater open for business last Thursday evening. It is called to Star and has moving pictures and illustrated songs a an attraction. Great crowds extended out into the streon the opening night.

Another moving picture show will be thrown ope to the public of Natchez, Miss., within the next for days. It will be located in the new McClure bulder This will give Natchez three theatoriums, the one I Franklin street being for colored people exclusively.

The Electric Theater, Xenia, Ohio, which has be conducted by Harrison & Phillips for several months; been sold to the Star Amusement Company of Tippos noe, Ohio. This company has formed a moving pictor syndicate and now owns twenty theaters. Mr. Thom has been made manager at Xenia.

Berlin, June 1.—The police of Berlin are making wr against kinematograph exhibits.

Physicians have shown that they are injurious to the eyes. It is declared that the quivering movements the films are most harmful, particularly to the eyes children.

At present there are 200 kinematograph theaters in Berlin and the suburbs.

The moving picture exhibitions which drew such buy audiences during the season were concluded at Duri-Pavilion, College Point, L. I., N. Y. The last exhibite was for the benefit of the Flushing Hospital and attendance was a record breaker and a neat sum metted for the hospital. A special program and or a mile of pictures entertained the audience for the hours.

For the purpose of building a moving picture that at 5 N. Water street, the Knickerbocker Auditoria Company, of Rochester, N. Y., has been organized at work on the building will begin at once.

The site is owned by Jacob Gerling, Sr. The office of the company are: George Gerling, president; Shewilliam H. Craig, vice-president; William B. Gerling secretary. The board of directors is composed of Five C. Gerling, William H. Craig, Charles Keller and Jac. Gerling, Jr.

The building will have a frontage of 27 feet on Water street and a depth of 87 feet. The structure will be four stores in height. It is expected that the alterations will be completed within three months.

Vaudeville on a roof garden above a church is the plan projected by Rev. Charles E. McClellen, D.D., pastor of the Fairhill Baptist Church, at Lehigh avenue and Fifth street, Philadelphia, Pa., as a means of attracting young people and others to the church, in competition with the theater and the saloon. His plan also includes the erection of a big auditorium in which to hold his entertainment during cold or inclement weather.

The sum of \$12,000 was promptly subscribed to carry out the project, when Dr. McClellen laid it before his

congregation.

"It is time that Christians," Dr. McClellan said, "who would win unsaved men and women from the playhouse, the card table and the saloon to the church should provide practical means of making the latter attractive. We are confronted with a serious problem. We find men and women flocking to the theater, we find men frequenting the saloon, we find the number of theaters and saloons rapidly increasing. A radical departure in church work is needed if we are to appeal successfully to non-church-goers.

"Here in Kensington we must appeal to the workingman and his family in a sensible way. If we are to draw him and them from the baleful influence of the saloon we must. furnish him and them with a means of recreation. If it should be necessary for us to supply the workingman with free lunch, one of the attractions of the saloon, in order to bring him to our church and interest him in God's work, then I would be in favor

of doing so.

This is my suggestion. Let us raise ten, twelve, fiften thousand dollars that our church may be so enlarged and reconstructed as to enable us to have it surmounted by a roof garden where, weather permitting, we could have vaudeville, moving pictures, illustrated songs, vocal and instrumental music on a Saturday night, when our streets, playhouses and saloons are crowded, to be concuded with gospel services of a practical sort conducted by a layman. Then let us provide an auditorium in which we could have such Saturday night shows in cold or inclement weather."

R. C. Jackson & Sons, of York City, Pa., have leased the large room on the first floor of the Martin building, corner of George and Philadelphia streets, where, it is said, they will make extensive improvements and open

a moving picture and vaudeville show.

During the exhibition by the International Moving Picture Show Company of Trenton, N. J., recently, in the Tullytown Methodist Episcopal Church, someone entered and robbed the home of Contractor Joel Davis, ransacking the house and securing \$110 in cash, a lot of silver ware and other valuable plunder.

The robbery was discovered immediately after the entertainment and the patrons of the exhibition formed themselves into a posse to run down the thieves. This co-operative detective work nearly resulted seriously for Peter E. Wurfflein, of Trenton, manager of the show. He was waiting in the darkness for a trolley car when attention of part of the posse was attracted by two small boxs (picture reel receptacles) which he carried.

The next minute Mr. Wurfflein was struggling in the

hands of his captors. His screams for help brought a crowd to the scene, among the others being the Rev. Oscar J. Randall, pastor of the church.

"Don't arrest that man, he is the manager of the show," protested the preacher. So Wurfflein was let off. The

real thief escaped.

Austin, Tex.—An important ruling was made by the comptroller's department affecting moving picture shows

which are now flooding the various cities of the State. The comptroller ruled that any person, firm or corporation which operates a moving picture show and also additional attractions in addition thereto, such as singing and vaudeville, is subject to an occupation tax of \$25 to the State and a tax of \$12,50 to the county. This is in addition to the regular tax on moving picture machines, which is also \$25 for the State and \$12,50 for the county. The question arose over a moving picture concern at San Marcos, which was operating other attractions in connection with the moving picture show.

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Albany, N. Y.—The Senate on June 4 killed the Prentice bill, prohibiting admission of children under sixteen to the penny arcades. Senator McCarren and almost all the up-State Senators were against the measure. Senator Grady fought hard for it, declaring that these places were the worst agencies for corrupting young girls in the land, and that the bill was demanded by the clergy, whose work showed them how bad these places were.

Senator McCarren branded the bill as the work of a crank. "The Lord knows that the business community is being restricted every day by some species of crank legislation," he exclaimed, fervently. The measure was under discussion in general orders. On a vote to advance it, the measure was overwhelmingly beaten. Later, Senator Grady moved to disagree with the report of the Committee of the Whole, but was beaten on that motion. Failure to advance any measure to third reading at this stage of the session signs its death warrant.

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I went in a room the other day that was stocked with something like three or four hundred canned stories, stories literally canned, in flat round cans with just a label giving the title, but no injunction to keep in a cold place. It wasn't a Carnegie library, either. It was a room in the office of manufacturers of moving pictures and those stories were the thrilling tales fashed out before auditors at the theaters and other places of amusement.

There are stories behind those stories, which, if not quite so vivid, are equally as interesting, I found. One of the authors of the canned romances and comedies sat at his desk, and, pausing between plots, explained to me some of the intricacies and some of the difficulties of making and welding toegther these picture stories.

The stories are written just as other stories are, with not so much care as to diction and detail, perhaps, but written with close enough coherence for the man that makes up the pictures therefrom to understand every movement and situation. Sometimes the author must even write dialogue, for often in a moving picture one sees the figures in vigorous conversation expressed by motions of the lips and gestures, it is true, but intelligible to the spectators, says the Brooklyn Eagle.

To make clear just what those gestures should be and what the expression should picture it must be clear what the persons are saying. The task of the author of the cinematograph stories, therefore, is much the same as

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that of the usual story writer except that, like the dimenovelist, he must have something happening every minute, allowing for no padding with word-painting, following climax with climax, and devolving all kinds of intricate situations so that the interest of the onlookers will never lag from the pictures on the canvas.

The story once written, the making of the picture passes from the world of fiction into the world of fram. The comedy or tragedy must be rehearsed and acted like any other drama before the pictures are taken. And this is one of the interesting phases of the process. There is a stage manager whose duties are as involved and intricate as and more diversified than those of the ordinary stage manager. And there are actors regularly engaged to take the parts, studying them, rehearsing for the pantomime, and then going through the actions while the camera snaps them for the reproduction. No ametures can be turned to account for these dramas, actors and actresses of experience and ability only being used for the leading parts.

The stories are usually made up during the Summe, when the stages are silent, and it is not hard to proun talent for the comparatively easy, brief work of performing before the eye of the camera, with no lines to memorized. The principals make ten dollars a day, the best among them more sometimes, and the minor actor five, none less than that, so it is well worth their time to assume the rules of the convict, the Happy Hooligan type, etc., that find their way into these canvas stories.

Besides author, stage manager and actors, there is an artist who plays an important part in the production. He must paint scenes that cannot be caught with the camera, and must make them look like the real thing. If the interior of a beautiful drawing room is needed, he paints the walls, and thereon are hung real picture, real doorways are made, and furnishings are rented sud as rugs, chairs, desks, lounges, etc., and placed about so that when the film of the camera is turned on the scenit will have every appearance of a real room. Costums are rented for the various characters in the pictured play stories, costumes costing as much as three or four hundred dollars oftentimes. The total expenses for the metrials used in one of those moving pictures we see thrown on the canvas in a few seconds is often as high as \$1,500.

The author's duties, so the author explained, do mend with the writing of the story. He must choose the scenes of his situations, not always an easy thing to do. It requires eternal vigilance to know just where to go to get the proper setting for the thousand and one scenes that are pictured in one of these stories. Here is when much of the faking in the pictures comes in, the author admitted frankly. As the spectators in the vauderlik house sit and gasp at some perilous deed pictured and the rugged scenes of the West he never for a moment suspects that the view of that rugged mountain side was obtained somewhere in Prospect Park, or on the outskirts of Brooklyntown.

The cinematographist and his camera are old friends and together they can do wonders. People say that a camera tells the truth, but the cinematographist denies the allegation: He knows how to make it lie to god purpose. With a certain kind of lens he can emphasir just the phase of a situation he wants, making a small excavation look like a deep gulley or a hill like a most aim. With careful selection he can find most of the scenes he needs for his stories, no matter how forest they may be to these parts, somewhere around Brodely or Manhattan.

One of the recent series in the canned stories was one called "The Miners," the scenes laid apparently in the wild and woolly West. There were comments innumerable from the various audiences on the ruggedness and wildness of the scenes amid which the thrilling situations developed. The wildest of them all was taken somewhere on the edge of Brooklyn, and was in reality an excavation made for some flats. In the picture it looked like a deep, jagged gulley. The author had seen the place and noted it as a good thing and with the stage manager and the actors and the camera went there and had the tragedy of the wild West accomplished in short order. If the camera had swerved so as to take in a few feet to the right the Western scene would have included a row of commonplace city flats. That is part of the camera's duty, not to swerve, to take in just so much of a scene and no more, or the whole effect would be ruined. The miner's hut in the story was a little shanty that the author happened on out on Fort Hamilton avenue, a tumbledown old squatter's shanty-not without its picturesqueness. The place was rented for five dollars a day and pictures were secured of the exterior and of the interior, which was furnished for the time being in true Western

style.

The picture-story author had an experience in Central Park that stirred up no small excitement. He was working up material for an Indian story, a thrilling, hairraising tale that ends with the Indian seizing the villain of the story by the hair and plunging him into a chasm. The author was a little non-plussed just where to find his chasm, he confessed, but finally he found it in Central Park, at the upper end of the lake near the bear's den, where the water juts up among some high rocks. By focusing the camera at just the right angle he knew he could make the scene as realistic as he needed for his purpose. So one day, with the actors in his drama, he journeyed to the park. He took pictures of the Indian approaching in his canoe to the spot where the tragedy was to take place. Up to this point in the story the villain had been a real man, but, obviously, the Indian couldn't seize a man and plunge him over the rocks into the waters of Central Park's placid lake, even for the sake of securing realism for the audiences that gaze on the moving picture stories. So at this point in the story a dummy was used, a dummy dressed just as the real villain, or the real man, had been. The actor-Indian went through the performance of throwing his dummy dramatically into the fake chasm and the dummy floated on down the lake until it was picked up by the vitagraph man in a boat. The daring act itself had not been seen by any of the park visitors, because it had taken place in a secluded spot, but the floating of the body on the water and the rescue was observed and some five hundred excited, trembling people gathered at the boat-house to see the "remains" brought ashore. Every one of those five hundred was certain of some dark tragedy and waited breathlessly to find out, all sorts of surmises and rumors taking definite shape while the boat with its dummy villain made for the shore, leisurely enough to tantalize the waiting crowd. There was a sickly laugh and a hurriedly dispersing crowd when the truth was made known among them.

For this same exciting romance a cane-brake scene was needed, for the Indians were of the Seminole tribe and their home in Florida. The cane-brake was some time being found, and when it was the author discovered it very near Coney Island, as wild a bit of scenery for a tiny stretch right within the sound of the Coney bands as one could expect to come upon in some of those old haunts of the Indians down in the Southern State. The

old mansion in Prospect Park was used as the scene of the famous card game in "Monsieur Beaucaire," when that book was illustrated and turned into moving picture form, with a few slight changes to meet the tastes of vaudeville lovers. The costumes and materials used to give the proper reality to the story, by the way, amounted to a matter of \$500.

These are some of the "fakes" of the business of which the author told me, but there are many, many cases where the pictures are exact reproductions and many instances where the cinematograph plays a serious part in the business, the educational and the scientific world. Its usefulness as something beside a means of light amusement is coming to be recognized more and more. Wherever there is anything of big interest happening in the world, anything of historic value, the cinematograph companies have their representatives as surely as the newspapers.

At San Francisco the moving picture man was one of the first on the scene collecting views to reproduce in all parts of the world and show to people in far distant places an exact reproduction of conditions in the ruined city. At the inauguration of President Roosevelt there were thousands of views taken so as to show the scene to those that could not see it and to preserve it as a record of history for a later time. At the Battery, when W. J. Bryan landed, the cameras were pointed at him so as to get every phase of that event, and likewise at the Madisson Square Garden meeting.

A man is now in Siberia getting pictures that will reveal to Americans and to the people of other nations just the conditions there. Representatives are sent to evrey part of the world to collect material for these moving picture machines, which are coming to be used in the study of history and of geography and in various studies in the class rooms of large institutions.

Bioscopic records of surgical operations are beginning to have an important place in the study of medicine. The rarest and most difficult operations, which a student might wait years for an opportunity of seeing performed, are caught in every phase by the camera and held for reference at any time through this method of photography. The action of the muscles can be shown, the growth of a plant pictured, the eclipse of the sun reproduced, the history of ants and bees revealed, the working of intricate machines, etc., all these things may be had right at hand without the necessity of a student waiting indefinitely for various manifestations of nature to show themselves. The medical student doesn't have to linger in the neighborhood of an epileptic to see the phase of a fit, but by turning a button, he can "throw a fit" at any

In the commercial world, too, the motion pictures are beginning to be used very extensively to show the processes of manufacture. An order from a big match factory in the West to have a man visit the factory and secure pictures of every stage of the process of making matches, showing the almost human working of a machine that starts with a log of wood and turns it out in boxes of matches, all counted and labeled and ready for the market. The factory wants to send the pictures to Japan in order to make a bid for a big contract over there. It would be an expensive thing to send the great, heavy machinery over, and then, too, there is some fear of the craftiness of the Jananese, who might secure measurements and copy the machines. The moving pictures will be sent, instead, illustrating perfectly the workings of the machines, and yet saving expenses and giving no opportunity for copying.

## Correspondence.

#### A Letter of Thanks.

New York, June 8, 1907.

Editor MOVING PICTURE WORLD:

Dear Sir—Allow me to thank you for your answer to me in your issue of June I, about opaque glass. I took your advice and it works O. K. I give exhibitions to churches and religious organizations, and frequently these people want to see what I am going to give them for an exhibition, and as I am unable to always have a dark-room I wanted to use a window between rooms for the purpose, which I can now do.

I am also grateful for the reply to Cleaver Wagner. I have had the same trouble as he wrote about: vour answer at once solved my difficulty, and last week in following your instructions I had the best show ever. The church people wanted to know if I was using a different light, it was so much better than usual. Again I want to say that your paper is one that every operator ought to get, also the renter. It keeps me posted up better than anything I have ever read. I know what are the latest films and what to buy. As soon as I get to the descriptions of new films I go at once to my dealer and tell him to get them quick. So that I am always up to date with my shows and feel satisfied that you only write about the best and most suitable. I think the stand you are taking for a clean film is the best for the whole trade. I am doing my little best to make it known amongst my friends and enclose a list of names that I hope will be of use to

In conclusion, please add my name to the register of the Operators' League, as well as those I have marked in red ink. Wishing you every success,

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### Film Review.

### THE PONY EXPRESS.

#### KALEM.

A cowboy and his horse are usually inseparable companions, and an affection grows up between them rivaling that of a dog for his master. This is fully shown in the scene, where the pony, Silverheels, is receiving the caress of his cowboy master, and, as well as he can do so, returning it. The post-office of a prosperous settlement, and near by the mines of a prosperous and near by the mines of a prosperous claim, are seen, around which diggers with machinery are busily engaged. The owner of the mines appears with his daughter and of the mines appears with his daughter and is respectfully greeted by the group of men, who are preparing to leave work for the day. An express boy mail carrier on his pony is seen advancing; he throws the bag of mail to the postmaster and, dismounting, turns towards the girl, who, advancing with delight, is clasped in his arms, by way of welcome. Disengaging himself, he hastens into the post-office to finish his duties, leaving the girl with the employees of her father. A Greaser leader rides rapof her father. A Greaser leader luce stap-idly towards the group, and, dismounting, staggers round. Seeing the girl, he makes advances toward her, which she resents. This reception angers him, and he seizes her in his arms, attempting to kiss her. Her screams bring her lover to the scene. He punishes the insult and knocks the man down, who on rising draws a revolver and causes the men to hold up their hands. The cowboy is being overpowered when the father of the girl comes to his assistance and the Greaser is driven off, vowing vengeance as he goes.

The cowboy express is now ready to de-part on his return journey with the mail and is bidding an affectionate adieu to the girl, which is interrupted by the father, who tells the boy he has a sealed packet for him to take back. The Greaser, who has returned and is acting as eavesdropper, learns of the errand, at the same time, to his intense chagrin, learning the love of the his intense chagrin, learning the love of the boy and girl. The father now reappears, bearing a packet, which he hands to the boy, bidding him be cautious, and promising him the hand of his daughter if his mission is successful. Mounting his trusty pony, the boy, with the blessing of the inther and the kiss of the girl, departs on his mission. A band of Greasers are seen their curete constitutions. at their quarters, awaiting the return of their chief, who, advancing in their midst, tells them of the pony express, carrying a sealed package, in the mail, containing \$10,000 worth of specie. They mount their horses and are seen hurrying across country to intercept the carrier, forming an ambush in a bend of the road. A spy, who has been posted to inform them of the advance of their prey, runs up to the ambush with the information that the cowboy is near. Round a bend in the bush the cowboy approaches, careless and unconcerned, and approaches, carriers and unconcerned, until at the bend he suddenly sees his danger. Too late to turn and fiee, and before he can do anything to defend himself he is overpowered, dragged from his pony, folding and the service of the service o fighting and struggling in vain; he is thrown down and bound. The chief of the Greasers searches him and steals the packoreasers searches him and steals the package. The cowboy, unconscious and bound, is thrown over his pony's back and led off to a lonely part of the bush, where, recovering consciousness, he is bound to a tree, moulted by the Greasers, and left to starve. To his great relief, his pony bites and lossess the though this bands to

moments of time ere be unties the other thongs, mounts his pony and returns to the ranch, where, bandaged, battered and bruised, he tells the father and daughter of the attack and robbery and the subsequent release by the pony. Hastily summoning his help, the rancher explains to them the robbery, and sends them off in pursuit of the Greasers, promising the cowboy if he regains the package he shall have they have ridden off, the daughter begs her that have ridden off, the daughter begs her that have ridden off, the daughter begs her they have ridden off, the daughter begs her start to join them. Yielding to her persuasions, they mount their horses and follow the cowboys. The trail of the Greasers is struck, and after a while they are signted. At the same time the pursuers observe they are discovered, and a sharp race is run. Gradually the pursuers draw near, firing as they come, dropping one after the other of the Greasers until the chief alone refulcted. Downard dash the compony, led by the pony express. Seeing the riderless horse, the cowboy dashes into the thicket after his enemy, who, seeing him approach, fires at him until every chamber of his revolver is empty, missing the mark, and before he has time to reload, he is gripped by the cowboy and struggless for freedom, trying to get his knife, but is foiled; as sumble gives to grasp, and have the respective from the hands of her father himself tying the know which binds the happy couple. Receiving the blessing of the parron and the plaudits of the cowboys, the parry commences the return Journey to the error of the prevents and the plaudits of the cowboys, the parry commences the return Journey to the error commences the return Journey to the

## THE MASHER.

The "Masher" is a product of no particular time or place, but known everywhere, and least thought of where best known. The adventures and misadventures of one of this type as presented in this film make a very laughable comedy subject.

The usual line of front-window dudes are enjoying themselves in a blg down town hotel and following their regular practice are carefully scrutinizing each pretty face that passes by with a view of making the much-desired "mash." Some of the young lady passers appear unconstituted to the admiration" they inspire, so the second of the sec

We next accounter one of these sporty fellows in a city park. He is certainly arrayed for conquest and on the lookout for chances. The combination of a park bench and a pretty nurse maid seem to did the district opportunity and our friend loses no time in entering conversation with the fair one who is. by no means averse, but when his attentions become too pressing, repulses him and leaves him instead

In the local for where opportunities. It is a passed to the husband, who falls over the nother unreason that the local term is the local term in the local term is the local term babies instead of one, appears and take off his coat, hat and vest, and run any, ing the other end of the seat proceeds to The husband, minus these garments, regive the infants what they need from a sumes his quest for the cause of his wrath, large nursing bottle. Mr. Masher has been who flies to a cafe. His pursuer, in his getting near the scene of operation in order haste, knocks over the customers seated to ingratate himself with the lady, but she at tables outside. They begin to punish

the tree. His hands free, it is only a few slyly directs the contents of the bottle and moments of time ere he unties the other the unfortunate fellow gets it "in the neck" thongs, mounts his pony and returns to the and is only too glad to be rid of the ranch, where, bandaged, battered and "heavenly twins" as quickly as possible.

Another charmer appears of the sene apparently with every grace of form and figure, but heavily evided, and this time the masher appears to the masher appears are sene and figure. But heavily evided, and this time the masher appears everying a four impression and is soon earlying a four impression and is soon earlying a four firstation with the veiled stranger. The love-making getting warmer, the lady is persuaded to tentowe the veil which hids her charms but, horrible to relate, it transpires that the dude has been pressing his ardent attentions on a lady of very decided color and be makes a get-away, seeming to have had enough of firtation for a time at least.

The animal house is the next scene of Mr. Masher's adventures, where he is seen lingering Caruso-like and dividing his attention between the caged animals and the ladies who come to inspect them, when by a strange coincidence, he encounters his various lady friends whose acquaintance he made on the park seat and from whom he endeavors to escape. They pursue him and a lively chase is on. Out of the animal house and through the park, running, Jumping, rolling and all but flying, now on Jumping, rolling and all but flying, now on "borrows" for the occasion, and for some time evading all pursuers, but at last his wild career is brought to a full stop by a cop, who arrests him and who, after listening to the various accusations of the pursuing ladies, leads him off to durance vile to reflect at his leisure on the undesirability of "Mashing in Lincoln Park."

## WHOSE HAT IS IT?

The wind, one morning, started out for a frolic and in the street scene before us he is evidently enjoying morelly methods and a fine and in the street scene before us he is evidently enjoying and are chased and eapered, but one (the one causing all the trouble) files upward into an open window of a lady's dressing room and lies unnoticed. A hery French gentleman, who seems to be thinking things unutterable, comes down the street with coat tails flying, gripping his hat which the wind seems bent on stealing. He escapes the fury of the wind and off humor with biron of his wife, with a street with coat tails flying, gripping his hat which the wind seems bent on stealing. He escapes the fury of the wind and off humor with biron of his wife, with a street of the str

him unmercifully and he is borne to the and the young folks run out of the from ground by overwhelming numbers. The door and jump off the platform. The size getting the worst of the bargain, returns and with a stout stick drives off the ceed to make themselves comfortable. Horassailants, and is thanked for his help, rors! Here she is again! The young hustassailants, and is thanked for his help, rors! Here she is again! The young hustassailants, and is thanked for his help, rors! Here she is again! The young hustassailants, and is thanked for his help, rors! Here she is again! The young hustassailants have been a succeeded by the same that he watchful care: stoo much! Thoroughly in the negative still adds to the mystery, honeymoon, the young couple return home. The battered husband now appears, offers frey have just reached there when Mother-profuse apologies, explains the circum-in-law walls in and announces that she stones more proclaimed), embraces his herself at home, all right! rescuer, and makes his wife do the same. The drinks poison and drops dead; he imme to the great confusion of the pair. The husband then goes off to make himself presentable, leaving his embarrassed wife and visitor to entertain each other. On his return he insists upon his new-found friend staying to supper, and continually adds to the confusion of the guest to the end of the scene.

wants to rejoin her dead rather. She assister mother to put a stamp on her and post her to heaven. The little girl goes out, unfortunately gets run over, is killed and fulfils her mission. The letter is posted. Very beautiful quality.

## FATHER'S WASHING DAY.

The old man interferes generally in the laundry and to get rid of him is sent out to deliver the washing. After frequently falling over people and several amusing mishaps he is taken home by the police.

#### TOO MUCH MOTHER-IN-LAW.

While courting, the young folks are sur-

While courting, the young folks are sur-prised by the young lady's mother, who seemingly arises out of the floor and blesses in the prospective son-in-law.

Beneath a wedding bell of orange blos-couple are about to be united in the 'bonds of holy matrimony.' Still, unduly anxious about her daughter, Mother-in-law stands between the pair and delays the ceremony. The young couple, starting on their wed-ding tour, board a trolley car bound for the railroad depo. They have appears be-tween them, to the great amusement of the other passengers and the chagrin of the other passengers and the chagrin of the groom.

The young couple, thinking they have left Mother-in-law behind, enter the train in great glee. Alas, they are disappointed again for, while the train is running at full speed, Mother-in-law suddenly appears between them. The son throws the old lady out of the window, "but you can't lose your mother-in-law."

Your mount-in-iaw.

After a long journey the young couple arrive at Another-town, and, thoroughly tired, seat themselves on a bench in the public square. They are congratulating each other upon the way in which they "shook" Mother-in-law when, behold, here she is again!

she is again!

The young couple take refuge in a coalmine, and feel that here, in the very bowels of
the earth, they are safe. But, again they
are mistaken, for Mother-in-law suddenly
steps between them. This time the young
husband tries to blow up his Mother-inlaw. Does he succeed? I should say no. O.
The young couple, in their attempt to he
scape the old lady, enter a street, car. In
Mother-in-law pops in at the rear door, O.

The young couple, once more without Mother-in-law, arrive at a hotel, and proceed to make themselves comfortable. Hor rors! Here she is again! The young hus Passing Trains. 65 th band pleads with Mother-in-law to leave Ascending Mount Pilastus, Switzer

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## Electricity for the Operator

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#### THE UNITS OF MEASUREMENT.

THE UNITS OF LIGHT.

All light of any kind whatsoeyer is measured by the term or name of candle-power. This arose from the fact that the earliest known form of satisfactory lighting was a candle. By comparing the light to a common candle its power was known or determined; for instance, a 16candle-power lamp is supposed to equal sixteen unit

Now, as candles were a very changeable quantity in light-giving power, according to its composition and weight, it was decided to determine upon some legal standards, and the "Paris Congress" decided upon the legal standard of light as follows: The unit of each simple light is the quantity of light of the same kind emitted in the normal direction by a square centimetre of the surface of molten platinum at the temperature of solidification. The practical unit of white light is the quantity of light emitted normally by the same source.

A square foot of surface is equally illuminated by a standard candle, at a distance of 12.7 inches, and a 16candle-power lamp at 4 feet 2 inches gives the same il-

lumination

The British unit of candle-power is the one generally used and accepted; it is near enough for all practical purposes, although they sometimes may vary as much as 10 per cent. from the standard. It is the amount of light of a pure spermaceti wax candle seven-eighths of an inch in diameter, burning 120 grains per hour; six candles weight one pounds.

The French and German units are only given here simply to give the operator a knowledge of them in case he happens to run across them by chance during his

travels around the world.

The French unit of light, or Bec-Carcel, is the light of a carcel lamp, burning 42 grammes of pure colzra oil per hour with a flame 40 millimetres high, under conditions fixed by J. B. Dumas & Regnault. It is taken to equal 9.5 British standard candles, and, of course, is 9½ times more powerful.

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20 millimetres in diameter, burning with a flame 5 centimetres high.

The Bec-Carcel is taken to equal 7.6 German candles

#### PHOTOMETRY.

The measurement of light, or photometry, as it is called, may be very interesting to all operators, and I will explain a very simple and sufficiently accurate method of testing light values. There are many ways known to science for testing light values, all of which are not suitable for a work of this character on account of their complication and methods involved which are very exact, but the following method is sufficient for the purposes and needs of an operator, as well as simple, cheap and fairly accurate.

The light to be measured must be compared by means of a standard candle as above; first buy a pure spermaceti wax candle; insert this in a candlestick or holder of any course to theatrical agencies, where they may find ac

kind; next make a white screen about two feet square of white paper-or use your lantern screen, for instance next get a stick or round rod and place near the some in an upright position (a foot away from the screen now light your candle and place it behind the upright m -a little to the right of the rod and behind it-so the it casts a shadow of the rod upon the screen; then pla on the left, behind the rod, the light to be tested, while will cast another shadow of the rod upon the screen the side of the shadow cast by the candle. Now more the light to be tested away from the screen until the to shadows are exactly alike in appearance, then mean the distance from the screen to the light being tested a also from the screen to the candle. Now multiply at distance by itself and divide one into the other, which will give the candle-power of the light being tested For example, say the candle is two feet from the screen

and the light being tested twelve feet from the screen Then, multiplying two feet by itself (two feet) we has

four, and multiplying twelve feet by itself (twelve fee we have one hundred and forty-four; now dividing to into one hundred and forty-four we get thirty-six cand power as the answer.

Remember, the number of times the lesser divides in the greater-after each has been multiplied by itself shown above-is the number of candle-power of the lie

being tested.

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POSING FOR SONG PICTURES.—In response one advertisement recently printed calling for "har some young men to pose for pictures" there appear young men to the number of five. Of these two co not have been by any stretch of the imagination consered handsome. The other three were well dressed a generally speaking, slightly appearing young m though one of them was far enough from handsome put him out of consideration, while of the other t neither was really handsome, though what with the other favoring qualifications both would answer for purposes required. And so out of a bunch of five you men there were found just two who, though not com up to the highest standard, would do.

What they were wanted for was to pose for pictu to be reproduced on lantern slides to be used on the st with illustrated songs. For an illustrated song there usually required seventeen slides. As to its words, song is likely to consist of two verses, with a cho repeated after each verse, thus giving the song as si

four sections.

One of the lantern slides used with the song show reproduction of the title page of its sheet music, this picture is first thrown on the screen; and then the singer sings it the pictures in illustration of words are shown.

Most of the illustrated songs are love songs, and of the men required for the illustration of such 50 the greater number must be young. It is easy to what would be the ideal requirements of a man ! would make a complete satisfactory picture of a love

He must be of good stature, anyway, and then would need to be of good figure and bearing, a manly, courageous young man, and withal handso As such a combination is tolerably hard to find in young man, the lantern slide people have more of difficulty in finding really suitable subjects. In set of them they advertise in the newspapers, and have

e requirements and are willing to pose.

Occasionally, from one or another of these sources, cy get precisely what they want; more often, as hap-ns in so many other pursuits, they must be satisfied

get as near to it as they can.

The young man who finds himself selected to pose r a series of pictures for an illustrated song may be ken to be photographed a little distance into the counor perhaps to the seashore, there to be posed and cured, for many of these song pictures are shown that nature background, and it is sought to make this to the song. If a city background were required esubject would be posed and photographed in city reets.

For some songs a figure in uniform may be required, the man in the song might be a letter carrier, or perps a military officer. If uniforms are required they supplied by the lantern supply people who make and pply the pictures, and they pay also all expenses where e figure is posed and the pictures taken out of the city. For this work of posing for illustrated song pictures e pay is \$4 a day, which may not seem like very large y, but it isn't so bad when it is considered that the urs are short and the work easy; and really it is likely be so much velvet for those who can fill the require-

ents and who have the time for it.

Frequently there may be required for one series of picres more than one day's sittings, perhaps a day and a lf, or it might be two days, making the work at the ice paid fairly remunerative. It cannot, however, be llowed as an occupation, but only as occasional work. For if there were shown in the pictures displayed with ustrated songs always the same figures and faces the e would quickly discover that sameness and it would stroy the illusion; the pictures must be made for and long to one song only, and so not only must new picres be made, but different figures must be posed for ery song.

The lantern slide makers keep a catalogue of all the The lantern slide makers keep a catalogue of all the bjects that have posed for them, and in this catalogue e jotted down not only names and addresses, but such rsonal characteristics as might serve as a guide in the lection of subjects to be called upon to pose in the fure as occasion might require, but commonly, to avoid petition in the pictures, once in say six months would as often as subjects would be called upon, and so ing for pictures for illustrated songs is an occasional ployment only.

Women are posed for pictures for illustrated songs as en, and, of course, handsome women are far more merous than handsome men; but still it is not so easy it might seem it would be to find handsome young omen exactly suited to the requirements of this work. he young women required are found among artists

dels, and sometimes, as in the case of young men rough theatrical agencies.

One might think that among the artists' models a fficient number of subjects might be found without ouble, but among these one might be especially admirle and in demand among artists because of her beau-ful eyes, and another because of her beautiful mouth. It for song pictures the subject must fill a sort of all found requirement.

Still, it is easier to find handsome young women for ing pictures than it is to find handsome young men, and this work the young women may find somewhat more equent employment, for their pictures may be used

gaged in minor parts or other young men who meet on the title pages of sheet music, and young women may be rather oftener pictured than young men in song pictures because of the greater variety that may be imparted to such pictures by woman's more varied attire.-(New York Sun.)

> ALAN DALE SEES THE SIMPLE DRAMATIC LIFE OF VERONA.

It is fete day in Verona, and it is lovely to feel feted. (If this appears as "fetid" I shall cable a curse.) Naturally, my idea of fete is concerned with special matinees at the theaters and gala evening performances, and the real American idea of fete. And that is precisely where I go to pieces here. For if the 61,000 good people (including, of course, the usual sprinkling of bad ones) in this garrison town want to go to the theater, all they have to do is to don their "glad rags" and hie them to the Teatro Ristori.

Well, say you, what's the matter with the Teatro Ristori? Wasn't Ristori the most illustrious of Italian actresses, and isn't it nice to think that a theater should be named after her? To which I reply: Even so. But the beautiful Teatro Ristori-and it is, indeed, a very handsome, modern playhouse-is given over entirely toyou'll never guess-the American bioscope, the king of cinematographs! Imagine the population of a big town, with shoals of naughty soldiers in its midst, being compelled on a general holiday to rush for its drammer to the bioscope!

Bills all over the town announce this great dramatic event at the Ristori, and the bills were so long and contained such a lot of promise that I felt bound to sample the entertainment that was to begin punctually at 21 o'clock. We are accustomed to just a dash of biograph in our Keithian-Proctor entertainments, and as a mere incidental figure. But here was drama in Italy beginning and ending in speechless motion-pictures.

Soldiers and children were allowed to enter at halfprice rates, the military mind in Italy evidently being considered as non-adult. Ordinary mortals had to buy the usual "ingresso," and pay extra for any seat they might elect to occupy. It was funny to see the big Teatro Ristori filled with people anxious to sit through biographic drama, all studying programmes a yard long, and quite as interested as we should be at the first production of

a new play.

The various sets of pictures, in fact, were treated as dramas, and thoroughly explained on the programme. For instance, the first picture was announced as a "grandly impressive social drama," called "The Romance of a Derelict," in eight parts. Each part, of course, was a picture, and it was labeled on the programme as we label events in melodrama. Like this: "In Seach of Fortune!" "Fido, the Loving Dog!" "Help from a Beautiful Lady!" "A Perilous Misadventure!" "Kidnapping the Child!" "Flight!" "The Dog Follows!" "Arrest!" "Recompense!"

The guileless Veronese applauded rapturously when the "loving" Fido, having jumped into the river after the kidnapped child, swan with it to the shore, deposited it at the feet of its tortured mommer, and was recompensed by wholesale endearments. We, in our superior way, should have sniffed contemptuously at the ingenuous prettiness of the thing. Even as bioscope, it wouldn't have suited us. We should have clamored for something more movingly moving-picture. Even the soldiers went into raptures over this "Romance of a Derelict," and the little Veronese children had the time of their lives.

The clicking biograph then proceeded, in its nervous,

clicky way that always gives me a toothache. There was a colored fantasia in thirty parts called "The Daughter of the Devil," actually set to music by the "maestro," Virgilio Virgili. There was also a "grand drama," called "The Daughter of the Rustic," with music by the extremely celebrated Gianni of Venice, guaranteed (by the programme) to arouse the utmost enthusiasm on the part of the audience

Honestly, all this appealed to me quite strenuously. It seemed to be such a simple and rational form of entertainment. We use our bioscopes for flavoring purposes, and here was a whole meal of it. I suppose I enjoyed it unduly because there was nothing to "criticise." No bad actors eating scenery, no ridiculous ladies emitting heroics. Moreover, the pictures were extremely good. They were shown upon a very big stage. They didn't quiver and wriggle and jim-jam about as some of our hasty moving pictures do. They were perfectly dignified.

Simple, simple Veronese! They were also treated to a tour of the Grand Canal of Venice, and they took it quite kindly. Venice is scarcely a hundred miles from here, but I imagine that most of the people in the Teatro Ristori had never been there. They were scarcely "traveled" folk-and I don't blame them, for getting around

in Italy is not what one might call a cinch.

This entertainment lasted for about two hours, and it was as varied as its cinematographic limitations would allow it to be. Between each picture-drama there was a short interval, during which the lights were turned up, and the audience circulated. Attached to the theater was a cafe and smoking room, where light drinks could be sipped and cigarettes puffed. Behind the times? Oh, of course. Terribly behind the times-lamentably behind the times! But what's the dif, as long as you amuse yourself, and amuse yourself without hustle and strife, and turmoil and excitement?

I speak as though I should like to be "up against" this sort of thing for the rest of my natural. Of course I shouldn't. I can quite see that it is sensible and intelligent and restful, but the germ of livelier happenings has been hopelessly embedded in my system. Still, I admire it all very much. The good people of Verona ask little for their good times and are satisfied with what they get. We ask much, and more, and most, and are rarely satisfied. The best isn't good enough for us—pampered children of a hurried civilization! The simplest is perfectly satisfactory to these nice, easy, lazy, indolent Veronese kidlets.

Shows come to this town during the Winter season, both to the Teatro Ristori and to the Filarmonico, but the demand for theatrical entertainment is not very keen -not nearly as keen as it is in an American city of one-quarter the size of Verona. This was a pleasant fete day for me. In the afternoon there was a band, and a very good one, in the Piazza Vittore Emanuele, with its cafes and its ancient amphitheater, and its charming outlook, and then this great bioscopic excitement in the evening.

I didn't exude any sigh for-Coney Island or roof garden !- Alan Dale in New York American.

According to reports from India, moving pictures are now being exhibited by agitators as a means of encouraging the revolutionary idea among the natives. These pictures show the Japanese troops defeating the Russians, and the moral is that the Asiatics in India would be able to do likewise against European armies. Thus the picture becomes a moving picture in two senses, and doesn't even require a penny in the slot to make it work.



Peaks Island, Portland, Me., is to have another ater this Summer if the proposed plans are carried The name of the place will be "Funnyland" and include a moving picture show, penny vaudeville, glasses and other novelties following out the lin attractions at the metropolitan parks.

The license for the theater has been asked for Charles E. Chase and will be brought up for action the next meeting of the city council.

It is planned to have a building 50 by 100 feet en on Island avenue and to have it ready for occur the last of June.

The Kentucky and Indiana Amusement Company articles of incorporation recently, with a capital stock \$2,000, divided into shares of \$100 each. The limit debt is \$2,000. The incorporators, all of whom a Bloomington, Ind., and hold five shares each, and follows: Jeff P. Kemp, Elaine Bradfute, Len C. F and Joseph Kallison. The concern will operate va ville and moving picture shows.

The Tent City Theater, San Diego, Cal., has l leased for the season by the Southwestern Amuse Company. The theater will open June 19, with a mo picture show. This company will spare no mong trouble to give the best entertainment to the patroithe Tent City throughout the entire season. One of features of the show will be high class, up-to-date trated songs, by the best singers that can be procure

Moving picture shows in Camden, N. J., are t taxed. The police have secured a list of all such i of amusement. A city ordinance places the pow fixing the amount of the license in the hands of Mayor.

Recent newspaper illustrations indicate the early pearance on the road of a moving picture show of Teddies jumping the hurdles, on horseback.'

The Crystal Theater in the Riverside, Sioux City, P ion was opened for the season June 8. The place p ises to become a popular pleasure resort for peop Riverside. A good program of moving pictures illustrated songs is given.

Joseph Ridger is erecting a one-story building, 29 feet 6 inches, at 716 and 718 South Broad street, h delphia, for a moving picture theater, to cost \$4,825

Measrs. Lamb & McCauley, of Fort Smith, Ark, rented the Creekmore building and are getting it in ness for a first-class electric theater, to open June 15 moving pictures and illustrated songs.

Main street, Danbury, Conn., is to have another ele theater, which will be the third to open in Danbury season. The store at 255 Main street has been k for that purpose by Charles Cassassa, of New York

and will be fitted up for the opening about July 1. This will make the third electric theater and moving picture show in Danbury, and it will be in an excellent location for the business. The work of putting in a new electric front and the proper interior fixtures and furniture will be commenced within a few days. It will make a brilliant appearance upon the street and will add largely to the amusement opportunities of the city for the Summer.

The "Camaraphone," or talking and moving picture scene, was the new headliner at Hammerstein's Paradise Roof Garden over the Victoria and Belasco Theaters, New York, last week.

Moving picture show No. 5 was opened on June 15 in the Roller Skating Rink on Twenty-ninth street by Messrs. E. T. Aisthrope and Lloyd Gates, two of Cairo's (Ill.) most popular and well-known young men. Realizing the need of a moving picture show uptown, these young men leased the roller rink and opened a picture show there so that people residing uptown will not have so far to go when they want to spend a part of the evening in recreation and pleasure.

OPENING ANOTHER HOUSE.—Lawton & Joyce proprietors of the Grand Theater in Marquette, Mich, have secured a location for a moving picture-illustrated song theater at Green Bay, and Mr. Joyce is now there getting the house in condition for the opening the latter part of this month. This will make five houses under the management of the firm and a vaudeville theater is also soon to be opened by them in the lower peninsula.

Albion, Mich.—Suit for damages has been brought against Dr. Samuel Dickie, Dr. F. E. Day, Prof. Clarence Greene, Dr. A. J. Abbott and H. N. Post, of the Albion Methodist Church, for suppressing a moving picture exhibit in the church after Prof. G. S. Kimball, superintendent of the Sunday school, had signed the contract for three Sunday school benefit performances.

Billboards of the city were covered with lurid posters announcing that "The Great Train Robbery," "A Daring Daylight Robbery," "Those Terrible Kids" and "A Slick Pair" would be seen at the Methodist Church.

The Methodists were shocked by the glaring announcement and the doors were locked after the audience began

to arrive for the first performance.
"Her Sweet Smile Haunts Me Still" and "The Beauty
Show" were not seen. The house was dark and the box
office didn't open.

The show people now bring a suit for damages. Superintendent Kimball, who signed the contract, is now in New Jersey, but the other prominent Methodists will answer in court.

Once more the question of right between moving picture emporiums and the believers in a strict Sabbath was threshed out before Magistrate Tighe in the Butler Street Court, Brooklyn, last week, and this time a previous decision was reversed, and Elijah D. White, proprietor of an establishment at 388 Court street, was held for the Special Sessions, despite the vigorous protest of his brother and counsel, Elmer S. White. Halfden Bryeldsen, a musician of 390 Union street, was the complainant, and he charged the defendant with conducting a Sunday performance in his establishment on May 1945.

Attorney White made an impassioned plea in his brother's behalf. He denounced Justice Kelly's recent

decision in the matter of Sunday performances with hearty conviction, and just as heartily lauded Justice Marcan, whose previous ruling left the proprietors of such places to their own devices. Pounding the desk with his fist, Mr. White declared that Justice Kelly had displayed premature judgment and taken a course without precedent.

This outburst of eloquence followed a denial for dismissal. The attorney took advantage of the fact that Magistrate Tighe had previously dismissed the defendant on a similar charge, after Justice Marean had made his ruling. He asked the Magistrate how he could hold the prisoner on this occasion if his action in discharging him previously had really spring from conscientious construction of the law. He declared that the activity of South Brooklyn ministers, physicians, etc., had already injured his brother's business, and declared that it would work further injustice if the man were held for the Sessions. But the Magistrate decided that arguments pro and con should be passed upon by the Court, and he disposed of the case accordingly.

MOVING PICTURES OF POLAR GAME.—To hunt the polar bear, the musk ox, the walrus and the caribou at home in the shadow of the North Pole, not only with his rifle but with a moving picture machine as well, is the Summer vacation planned by John R. Bradley, an amateur sportsman of New York Gity. He will depart on July 1 to board his auxiliary schooner at Boston. Dr. Frederick A. Cook, former companion of Robert E. Peary, veteran of Arctic and Antarctic expeditions, will accompany him.

Mr. Bradley has hunted in every part of the world except the vast, unexplored territory of the Arctic Circle. He has made several trips to Africa and to Asia and has covered almost every foot of big game country in the United States and the Northwest. He was in Mongolia last year seeking the long-haired cave tiger. Before that he was in Thibet, where he obtained specimens of one of the rarest of mountain sheep.

For his coming voyage Mr. Bradley purchased a Gloucester fishing schooner, 118 feet over all, and installed in her a powerful engine. He has had her sheathed with three-inch oak and reinforced and braced inside and out. He will take a large crew, with officers and an ice pilot, and does not expect to return until the latter part of the

Mr. Bradley recently, "and hunt caribou for a time. From there we go to Melville Bay, from where I expect to get Polar bear all the way up to Smith Sound, which is 78 degrees north latitude, or within 8 degrees of the "farthest north" reached by Peary. On the islands of the sound and the surrounding mainland we hope to strike the musk ox and, of course, the walrus. These will be particularly plentiful, I understand, in Baffin's Bay After that we will go south into Hudson Bay, turning into Chesterfield Inlet, if the ice permits, where we will be able to hunt in the Barren lands for musk ox

"Of course, I shall attempt to obtain good specimens of game, but one of the interesting features of the expedition will be the taking of moving pictures. I have used the camera largely in all my travels, and had arranged to take a moving picture machine with me last year, but I could not get films in Paris. We hope now to photograph animals as they live and move?"

to photograph animals as they live and move."

"While I am hunting," continued Mr. Bradley, "Dr. Cook will be pursuing his studies of the Eskimo. He

has made exhaustive studies of the tribes, and will complete them this year. To him also the camera will be of great benefit.

"Our schooner will not go into the smaller bays and inlets, for the risk of getting caught in the new ice would be too great, so we have procured a 25-foot whale boat and put in her a 10-horse power engine, and on her a hooded cabin with accommodations for four men. She is of light draught and can go anywhere, and if she should be caught by the ice we can abandon her."

Mr. Bradley said this would be his last big hunt because, so far as he knows, the globe has no other big game country unexplored by him.

The social settlement workers of St. Louis, Mo., have been active in a crusade to purify the five-cent theaters here.

Philip Seman, of the Jewish Educational Alliance, estimates that there are about 250 of these nickelodeons and penny arcades in St. Louis.

A short time ago the members of the Social Service Committee reported that some pictures in these machines were undesirable and it was criminal to allow children to attend such exhibitions. A committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Philip Seman, of the Jewish Educational Alliance; R. N. Baldwin, of Self-Culture Hall; Harold Johnson and the Rev. Mr. Bassler, of Kingdom House, to investigate and prosecute if necessary.

No prosecutions have been made, but Mr. Seman reports the closing of the Biddle street hall, and that the managers of some of the nickelodeons and penny arcades have elminated obnoxious pictures.

Mr. Seman next season proposes to utilize the dramatic talent of children in the afternoon by the production of fairy plays and in the evening parents will be given more pretentious theatrical performances.

We learn from Chicago that, according to Lieutenant Alex McDonald, the head of Chief Shippy's dance hall and five-cent theater bureau, the proprietors of the cheaper places of amusement have greatly improved the character of the attractions they are giving the public. Lieutenant McDonald said that he and his men keep under constant watch 158 five-cent theaters and cheap vaudeville houses whose patrons are, for the most part children. Where formerly pictures of "the train robber" type were exhibited, more instructive and still equally amusing are now used.

Mayor McClellan, New York, and the chief of the Bureau of Licenses, Mr. Corrigan, have been temporarily enjoined from interfering with the moving picture exhibitions throughout the city. Justice Charles H. Truax; on the application of A. Muller, of 125th street, near Third avenue, a keeper of a moving picture place, granted the injunction.

Florence Sullivan, the petitioner's counsel, said to the Court that the Mayor had peremptorily deprived many of his clients of their licenses without due process of law or cause. Since the crusade against these places of amusement began the proprietors have formed an organization, which they call the Moving Picture Exhibition Association, and it is through the efforts of this association the injunction is granted.

The Scenic Theater, Spokane, Wash., located at 419 First avenue, opened on Thursday evening, June 13. The theater seats 260 people and will exhibit moving pictures and have illustrated songs. The theater company has the

exclusive right of using the "Viascope," a Chicago moring picture miachine which is said to do away with ifflicker," which has been the main objection to this day of amusement. W. H. Bell, of Chicago, will have charge of the moving picture machine.

"That's the stunningest of all of them," Otis Snowda, moving picture machine operator, had often declared to the other workers at an East Ninth street theater, Clercland, O. "The Lovesick Soldier" it was entitled. There were brass buttons a-plenty, a good-looking private, a pretty country girl, a wicked sergeant. Through difficulties and troubles the soldier followed his sweethean a spite of his superior officer. It was noble and inspiring and Snowden, thinking of the days when he was second lieutenant of the high school cadets, would start that faitme and again. You could almost hear the bugie cals as he rushed it through. But one day the roll of film disappeared. So did Snowden, He had secured another job. Last Saturday Snowden, who lives at 4927 Woolland avenue S. E., was arrested and taken to central station.

N. C. Williams, Sr., N. C. Williams, Jr., and F. j. Kyle, of Atlanta, Ga., applied for a charter for the Atlanta Moving Picture Machine and Film Renting Supply Company, whose object it is to manufacture and sell supplies for electric theaters. The capital stock of the company will be \$3,500.

Portage, Wis., is soon to have a new amusement enterprise in the shape of an electric theater. One of the last est theatorium construction concerns of Chicago has also concluded arrangements for the opening of one of the theaters in this city. The management of the local institution will be under Fred E. Fink and H. H. Niemeyer

It is the intention of the management to produce only refined and educational entertainments, those that appea to the ladies and children as well as to the gentlemen The theater will be located in Emporium block, De Wis street.

"Nothing of a sensational nature or pictures that can possibly offend the most refined taste will be shown at this new theater," said one of the managers. The show will start every night, excepting Sunday, at 7 o'clock.

The pictures furnished at the entertainments will com direct from the largest theaters of Milwaukee and Ohi cago, arrangements having been perfected to include For tage in the Klien circuit, which is acknowledged the best the large cities can afford.

PROPOSED NEW UNION.—A meeting of all those employed in operating moving pictures has been called for the purpose of organizing themselves into a union for Montreal, Can.

The corner room, Fourth and Main streets, of the Price Building, Paris, Ky., has been rented to Wellard Henly & Norris, of Cincinnati, O., to conduct a fest-class moving picture show, which will likely open to the public next week.

A correspondent in St. John, N. B., Can., sends the following information: Robert J. Armstrong has gone to St. Johns, Nfld., where he will open a nickel show presumably for Keith. St. Mary's Hall, Halifax. has also been converted into a "Nickel" and as a result of negotiations with Mr. Armstrong, Alexandra Hall, Sydney, alwayerises under the same name. Wonderland, the second

all in this city, has fallen into the hands of the Quinetscope Company, of Montreal, Bennett's upper Canadian ivals, and will open on Saturday as the "Bioscope," while as a next door neighbor it has the Unique, which is being hoerated by the Bennetts themselves.

The Empire, Halifax, N. S., opened recently with a plendid series of moving pictures and illustrated songs y Miles Brothers, New York. Nothing but the very est films are used. Manager Mullane has the building cated to accommodate about 1,500 people and has also rovided for his patrons an ice cream parlor in the suiding.

Pathe Freres, of Paris, were in New York last week and formed a corporation in Jersey City, N. J., to deal meinematographic negatives and positives and apparatus; apital, \$1,000,000. Incorporators: William H. Corbin, 31 Washington street; Jersey City, N. J.; Ernest A. vatts and Charles Pathe, Paris, France; Collins & Corbin, Iersey City, N. J.

The members of the skeleton chamber in "Night and forming," at Luna Park, New York, met in executive ession recently, and after a heated land lengthy discusion passed resolutions criticizing the brand of cigarettes that the management supplied them. Each member of he Stygian chamber had a voice in the heated discussion, which resulted in the appointment of a committee to wait a Frederic Thompson with a "frame" of the resolutions. Ir. Thompson's desire, naturally, is to please the House If Skeletons, and will have a special brand of cirgarettes hanufactured for their use. The new cigarette will be The Luna," guaranteed to superinduce peace, happiness and good-fellowship in the executive branch of the chamer of skeletons in the realm of "Night and Morning." [Next, please.—Ed.]

A new ordinance of the City Council, Charleston, S. C., was passed at its meeting, June 11, in order to make the poving picture shows here of all classes give the most emplete fire protection to their patrons. Chief Behrens as already put into effect certain precautions. Its salient ratures are as follows:

That existing electric theaters where moving pictures re displayed shall comply with the ordinance within hirty days from the time of its passage; that a permit just be secured from the fire chief and from the city lectrician for any such theater hereafter, before a license ill be issued; that all wiring in such places of amuseent must be done under the supervision of the city ectrician, and that infractions of this section will render he theater liable to closing; all fuses must be fireproof; ll exits are to be indicated and lighted; all lights must e independent of stage light excepting general auditoum lights, and must be controlled from the lobby or ther convenient place, and there must be two circuits to the auditorium, one controlled by operator and the ther on the outside; that every portion of the building sed shall be lighted, and also all outlets, corridors, etc., ne sixteen candle power arc lamp to every four hundred Mare feet of floor space being the standard; each arc
mp used as a part of the moving picture machines must
c run according to specifications of city electrician; also leostat; reels must be encased in iron box, with no older construction; handle or crank must be secured to lindle; automatic shutter must shut off light rays when achine stops running; extra films must be kept in a

metal box with tight-fitting cover; each machine must be run by hand; a three-gallon fire extinguisher must be kept close to machine; that machine must be housed specially as directed by fire chief and city electrician; that violation of this ordinance will make offender liable of fine not exceeding \$100 and imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, either or both, each day of operation make separate offense.

The "penny arcades" in the cities are coming in for a general criticism and being characterized as dens or schools in vice. Another form of innocent amusement gone wrong that might prove wholesome entertainment.

With moving pictures which are claimed to be the best ever shown in Rhode Island the Westminster Theater Providence, is to reopen its doors for a Summer season. The views shown will be strictly up to date and refined in every respect and smoking will be prolibited, the management catering particularly to ladies and children.

The North Side, Corning, N. Y., is to have another picture show. The promoters of the enterprise are: Glen Billinghurst and H. W. Loghry. They have secured a lease of a store in the Walters block. They have purchased the picture machine and equipment of the defunct North Side Electric Museum Company and as soon as the store can be altered to meet the demands of the business the enterprise will be opened to the public.

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Muscatine, Ia., is to have a new theater. The room in the Warfield Building, at 112 West Second street, has been rented by Mr. Gordon, of Sioux City, who will at once install a first-class moving picture machine. The new theater is to be called "The Unique." Mr. Gordon, the proprietor, promises to exhibit nothing but strictly moral moving pictures, while illustrated songs will be one of the pleasing features of the house.

Bert Ziv, of Chicago, a theatrical manager of many years' experience, and well known among the managers of Chicago, has been secured by Mr. Gordon to manage this house.

A church in a five-cent theater. A minister on a stage where two hours later a knock-about comedian will appear. A choir of sweet-faced choir girls as rivals of a ballet chorus. These unusual sights will be seen at Gary, Ind., the new mushroom city built by the steel trust, next Sunday. A town of nearly 4,000 inhabitants and growing faster than any town in the United States, in the world, perhaps, Gary has no church. Worshipers have been compelled to go to other towns to attend services. But the Congregationalists decided to-day to change matters. They declared they would hold services in Gary if it were possible. Committees were sent to lease a building, but the only place available was the nickel theater. A contract was closed and notices of the Sunday meeting were posted conspicuously about Gary.

St. Louis oculists agree with Berlin physicians that moving picture machines are injurious to the eyes, but say there is no necessity liere to declare war on the kinemetograph shows, as they are doing in the German capital. According to a press cablegram, the Berlin physicians have become so alarmed about the possible injury to the eyes by the 2,000 kinemetograph shows there that they are urging the Government to close them. Dr. James A. Campbell, a leading St. Louis oculist, says there is no

occasion for such extreme measures here, as nobody's eyes will be seriously injured unless he overdoes visiting the

picture machines.

"Looking at moving pictures," Dr. Campbell said, "is like reading a book on a train. Where the focus changes all the time, it is a strain on the eye to follow the object it is looking at. Particularly is this the case if the eye is defective. Even a perfect eye cannot stand looking too long at a moving picture or watching too many telegraph poles flash by a moving train. My advice is not to visit moving picture shows if your eyes are weak. They will not permanently destroy the eyesight, but they produce an irritation of the retina caused by confusion of images. All moving pictures are not equally difficult to watch. In some the quivering motion is reduced to a minimum. In others it is violent."

"In these machines the pictures are flashed so rapidly that the eye cannot keep pace with them," said Dr. James Moores Ball. "This produces a great strain on the ocular muscles that move the eyeball and undoubtedly injures the eyes. Particularly is this true of children. Their eyes are more susceptible to such strain than the adults because the muscles about the adult's eyes are more solidified. The child eyes are more subject to myopia or near-sightedness. A child is likely to have his eyesight injured looking at moving picture machines as he is in the kindergarten. And there is no doubt that the kindergarten fad is responsible for much injury to the eyes of children. In these kindergarten little children of five.

and thread and such things at short distance and the results are disastrous to their eyes."

OPENED MONDAY: CLOSED TUESDAY.

six and seven years old are given work to do with needle

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The cameraphone, known as the "talking pictures," opened on Monday, June 10, at Hammerstein's and closed June 11. The inventor told Mr. Hammerstein that he had worked for fifteen years on the idea and could not understand why it failed. Neither could the manager.

#### Association News.

President Nicola Seraphime, of the Moving Picture Exhibitors' Association, 220 Broadway, has been extremely busy during the past two weeks in an effort to protect the owners of the Common Show and Moving Picture Licenses, issued by the Mayor. On June 12, 1907, Justice Truax issued an injunction restraining the Chief of the Bureau of Licenses, Mr. John B. Corrigan from suspending and revoking these licenses in over sixty cases, and directing them to show cause at a Special Term of the Supreme Court, Part I., on June 17, 1907, why an injunction should not be made permanent and the proceeding was adjoined to June 18, 1907, at which time it was argued before Justice James A. Blanchard, Assist ant Corporation Counsel O'Neil appearing for the Mayor and License Bureau, and Florence J. Sullivan appearing for the plaintiff. The matter was argued at length, and Mr. Sullivan read to the Court a letter that was sent out by the Chief of the Bureau of Licenses which was the cause of all the trouble; the letter is as follows:

"Mayor's Office, Bureau of Licenses, City Hall, New York.

June 6, 1907.

Sir: You are hereby notified that your common showlicense No. . . . has been suspended by His Honor, the

where we will be to the tree.

Mayor, upon charges preferred by the Police Department against the premises you are conducting under the said license.

A hearing will be granted for the purpose of ging you an opportunity to show cause why this license show not be permanently revoked, the date and time of will you will be duly advised, and pending such hearing will be necessary for you to discontinue the common show licensed under the above-mentioned number.

Yours truly, JOHN P. CORRIGAN,

Chief, Bureau of Licenses."

The plaintiff contended that the Mayor had not the authority of law to suspend a license or revoke one un after the owner of the license had his day in court; also contended that no license could be revoked arbitration and that the holder of a common show license was en tled to enjoy all of its privileges for the year for which it was issued, unless the holder was convicted of crim and that in issuing the license the City extended an i vitation to all, on the payment of certain fees, to inv their money in the business for each of the licenses issued, and that in any business so conducted with respect to the law, the City had no more right to inte fere with it than if it were a dry goods business or a other commercial enterprise. The City having grant the license, it thereby approved of the fitness of the h er and the propriety of the business, and that it had right to interfere except through the courts. The C poration Counsel did not claim that the business conducted improperly or that indecent pictures were hibited or any unwholesome practice indulged in. Il sole cause for complaint was that in some instances of dren under sixteen years of age were admitted to exhibition without their parents. Briefly, the content is on the part of the Mayor, that he can revoke any censes arbitrarily. On the other hand, Mr. Sullivant tends that when a license is issued, it cannot be revi unless the holder is convicted of a crime after trial

The Moving Picture Exhibitors' Association, at aming in Terrace Garden, on June 15, 1007, unanimum passed resolutions offering to act with the Mayor at the City authorities in every way that might be help to the improvement of the exhibitions, and suppress anything that might be unwholesome, and appoint committee to take up the entire subject with the larger personally. The Moving Picture Exhibitors' Associaticuldes the Boroughs of the Bronx, Manhattan, a Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond, and no one can be come a member unless he signs a written agreem to obey the laws and ordinances and to avoid lew! a unwholesome exhibitions.

Mr. Nicola Seraphime is President, Mr. Herbert Mof Miles Brothers is Treasurer, Mr. Chester Mario Secretary, and Florence J. Sullivan is General Community of the Secretary, Archive is at 229 Broadway, N. Y. City.

A new elaborate moving picture theater has opened State street near Jackson boulevard, Chicago, the sew within four weeks. It is called the Lyric, and its art tectural decorations cost about \$15,000. The plan owned by Arthur Caille, of the Caille Bros. Combiston machine manufacturers, Detroit. Mr. Caille is hid ing of opening a real vaudeville theater here, and desirable site can be secured it is said building will armence this Summer.

## Correspondence.

#### A Complaint.

CANTON, O., June 12, 1907.

Editor MovING PICTURE WORLD:

Dear Sir:—In your issue of June 1 we note, under the title of "Grateful Operator," a letter from Al. Shields stating that he had entered our service. It is only right that the facts of the case be stated, and we would like them given the same publicity as you gave his letter.

In his letter he claimed to be a first-class operator and electrician, competent to handle any show under any circumstances. In order to give him every advantage in the start, we brought him from Duluth, Minn., to Columbus, O., several days in advance to look over the outfit and become familiar with any new features. We hired a theater in a small town near Columbus and gave him two full days to go over the programs, study electric connections, etc. He had the benefit of the instructions of one familiar with the work. He showed two faults—extreme speed and bad handling of slides—but these we believed he could soon correct.

We then went to the first date of the Summer season. He had from 8 a. m. to 8:15 p. m. to prepare. He connected up in such a way that he could not get any light. He was shown his error and the correct way pointed out again. When he changed he created a dead short and blew out every fuse along the line. The light plant people were unable to repair the damage, and for the first time in eight years we were unable to show and had to return the money.

Mr. Shields claimed that "everyone makes mistakes," he was "in a hurry," etc. He had cost us fifty dollars in round numbers for railroad to Columbus, hotel, railroad hotel and rent of theater for practice, railroad and hotel for the first stand, beside the loss of money returned through his bad work. He seems to feel no obligation to pay this back, nor to return to one of our employees the money he borrowed to get to Columbus, where he expected to get another job.

We have no desire to injure anyone, but we believe it it only right that other employers should be protected against such unfortunate and expensive experiences.

Yours truly,

MOTION PICTURE COMPANY,

- Canton, O.

A panic was averted in Fort Dodge, Ia., when a film ignited during a performance at the Carroll Opera House. About 4,000 feet of films were destroyed, and other damage amounting to \$500 was caused.

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#### Film Review.

OYSTER INDUSTRY. LUBIN

This film, showing the American oyster industry, is a most interesting subject. The oyster fleet starts out on its cruise. We see the dredging of the ovsters in large nets

While some of the oyster fishers use the large nets, others dredge for oysters with wire screens, a very interesting proceeding. We then see how the oyster boats are un-loaded by filling large barrels with the delicate hivalves

The next scene shows how the oysters are opened so as to be canned. Men of all nations are employed. It is most interesting to note the speed with which the oysters are opened.

A great many women and girls are em-A great many women and girls are em-ployed in opening and assorting the oysters. The oysters are brought to the canning de-partment, while the shells are hauled away by carloads.

Next the oysters are canned, sealed and labeled. This work is done almost exclusively by young girls and women. this we see the oysters boxed and shipped away to all parts of the world. The picture ends with a connoisseur en-joying his "oysters on the half shell."

#### SNAKE HUNTING.

LUBIN. A rocky spur of the mountain range is seen, when two hunters enter, one carrying a bag. The first one climbs up the rocks and with a pronged stick catches a snake in the bushes which he drops into the bag. With care he manages to descend, and a rocky wall is next seen with a reptile at least three feet long crawling over it. This is promptly caught and after some excite-ment is got into the bag. The hunter is next seen in the bed of a stream struggling with a monster snake some six feet in length. Several times he stumbles, but it is a case of life or death, so that he manfully holds on to his prey. Down a fall of water he next clambers and manages to hit upon he next clambers and manages to hit upon another replite; in fact, he seems to know exactly how to "spot" a lurking place. His assistant apparently tries his hand, for he is seen descending the rocks with one wrapped round him and struggling with all the force at his command. Eventually he is released, when the tourniquet has to be used, but after a dose of brandy he seems to pull himself tound again. Both men they come across the trunk of an old tree, in which a servent is taking its siets. in which a serpent is taking its siesta. hunter enters a cave from which he issues with quite a number of fine specimens, the effect caused by the play of light on the errect caused by the play of light on the rocks and stream issuing from the cave being exceptionally fine. He next catches several snakes in a field by the aid of a large towel, and the last one to be caught nearly strangles the hunter before he can manage to shoot it. The film concludes by showing a snake being skinned while still

#### WHEN WOMEN VOTE LUBIN.

While Mrs. O'Brien is preparing her speech for the political meeting, Mr. O'Brien minds the baby. Mrs. O'Brien is ready to go out. The hempecked husband shines her shoes, brushes her coat, and out she goes to attend the woman's suffrage

Mrs. O'Brien delivers a fiery speech, of-ten interrupted by wild cheers and applause. but hardly had he finished when the do Resolved: To vote for Mrs. O'Brien for came back.

The battle is over. Crowds are seen on the streets watching the election returns. the streets watching the election returns. Bets are made. Cheers for the Republicans, Cheers for the Democrats. Women fight. The police women have their hands full. Republican paraders are coming from the east, Democratic paraders from the west. They meet on the corner and a free-for-all

Including the country and a free-jor-an fight ensues.

Mrs. O'Brien is elected Judge of Magistrate's Court No. 23. Mr. McGinnis is brought before her, charged with having kissed his wife. Twenty years in State's prison by hard labor and fasting. While

his household duties.
Mrs. O'Brien returns from court. Din Mrs. O'Brien returns from court. Din-ner is not ready, the baby is not washed, the rooms are not clean. She makes him sweep the floor and cook the meal. Not satisfied with his work, Mrs. O'Brien takes the dough and throws it in her husband's face. Mr. O'Brien would like to get a di-vorce, but such cannot be obtained when women vote.

#### AND THE DOG CAME BACK. LURIN

While Chung Lung, the washee-washee, is delivering his goods, a dog takes hold of his trousers, tearing the same in pieces.

of his trousers, tearing the same in pieces. While complaining to the proprietor of the dog, he is told to take the dog and kill him. The Chinaman and the butler are going to kill the dog. He is tied to a tree and shot by the butler. The butler then goes home and tells his master how he killed the dog, but hardly had he finished when

the dog came back. A candy man on the street is next at-tacked by the dog, who seems to have a special liking for men's trousers. When

the peddler comes in for complaint, he, too, is told to take and kill the dog.

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The butler and peddler are going to kill the dog. They put a rope around his neck and pull him up a tree. They then depart, leaving the poor dog to his fate. The butler, returning home, describes to his master how he killed the dog this time. Again the dog came back before the butler had finder and the state of the butler had finder the state of the state of

ished. Now the dog attacks a colored woman. It is funny, indeed, to see the struggle between the big fat wench and tiny little dog. She, too, comes in for a complaint and is advised to kill the dog. The colored woman and the butler put the dog in a sack, fill it with stones and throw it in the water. The butler then goes home and reports to his master how he killed the dog, but hard-ly had he finished when the dog sits on his master's lap.

Next, two little boys are attacked by the dog, and again it is the trousers' seat that suffers mostly. The mother of the boy, when complaining, is advised to take the dog and kill him.

The butler, together with all the sufferers, go to the butcher to have the dog made into mince meat. The butcher lays the dog upon the block and severs the head with one stroke of a big axe. He then puts the one stroke of a big axe. He then puts the ceeds after a fashion, losing his hat in body in a sausage machine and makes Wic-effort, to the great amusement of the bener wurscht out of the dog. The butter standers. The groom hands him his then goes home and reports to his master and he goes off to pick up what adventure

Resolved: 10 voice to make the day magistrate.

The women voice. Women police control has come back, came to get some compute beat. Every man who dares to vote is sation for their torn clothes. Just arrested. Many women voters are seen a little boy is begging for the dog. The fair police.

MOTHER-IN-LAW AT WHITE CITY At the dinner table the husband inform

his wife he will take her to the White City She hurries off to dress, and in a short She hurries of to dress, and in a shor time he also goes, leaving Mother-in-bar alone. She makes up her mind to accop-pany them; calling the maid, she asks for her outdoor costume. The maid bringse, it in, helps her to dress. On the apper-ance of husband and wife ready to bil Mother good-bye, they are astonished is learn of her determination to accompanprison by natu labor and tasting.

This wife holds court Mr. O'Brien attends them. The more they try to persuade her to his household duties. and for the sake of peace and quietness they reluctantly take her and her three hun-dred pounds of avoirdupois with them. Ar. going up in a balloon, and suffers as a consequence. The Ferris wheel next claims her attention, and as it revolves she be comes dizzy, then sick, and falls out. Recovering from this, she goes up the escale tor, and gets a very rough handling. The she shoots the chutes, bumps the bumps, rides the switchback, from which she is taken out in hysterics. The photograph gal lery next excites her curiosity, and she has her photo taken in what she thinks an an gelic pose; when she sees the result she goes mad with rage. She next tries the mechanical swing and falls on the neck of her son-in-law and is lifted out with diffiher son-in-law and is lifted out with dif-culty. The clowns make fun of her, asl invite her to a boxing match; she puts of the gloves, but is knocked out, very must to her discomfiture. She next tries the wrestling bout, from which she comes a cropper. After this they carry her to; carriage and drive home, where the mail with smelling salts, poultices and medicine attends her. The doctor bandages her hos-en head and face, and makes her as con-ficable as possible under the crown anneal The daughter and son-in-law now appear dressed for outdoors; invite her to go with them to the White City, but she has had enough of that, so they bid her good-byt and go off for a good time without the unwelcome presence of Mother-in-law.

#### THE AMATEUR RIDER. GAUMONT.

Two gentlemen dressed in riding costume are observed at the stables, discussing the qualities of various mounts. A third approaches and joins in the conversation approaches and joins in the conversations which becomes animated, the last comer evidently boasting of his prowess. A groom is called and an order being given, he effects the stables and is seen leading there. from a fine thoroughbred, which the brag gart tries to mount. It soon becomes endent that he is only booted and sparred for show. His first attempt to maint except to mainter the statement to the st hibits his amateurishness; instead of halfil vaulting into the saddle he slips, lose his footing, and with difficulty retains his halance. Again essaying to mount, he seconds after a fashion, losing his hat in the footing that the second state of the same of

he can, gaining a little confidence as he gets more accustomed to his position. A lady is seen at a window, and the horseman, to make an impression upon her, causes to make an impression upon ner, causes his horse to curvette a little; much to his credit he manages to keep his seat, and raise his hat. His steed becoming restive, horse by embracing him round the neck. A in the rear. sings by embracing him round the neck. A passing street car startles the horse, who, taking the bit between his teeth, goes off at a gallop, not stopping until he lands his rider in the midst of a Summer party at a wayside inn. They are incensed at his careless riding and commence to belabor him for spoiling the and he goes away leading him by the bridle. On his way he has no ass many friends of both swees who to pass many friends of both sexes who are well mounted and enjoying their ride. After a time he again essays a ride home, After a time he again essays a ride home, but is thrown by the horse, who is thoroughly tired of such a poor rider and gallogs off to his stable, leaving the poor fellow battered and torn to be led back by two sympathetic pedestrians. The riderless horse is caught by its groom, and some covery is shown as to the fate of the rider. anxiety is shown as to the fate of the rider. who finally makes his appearance in very sorry plight and receives the commisera-tion of his friends. He evidently makes up his mind to take lessons before again venturing in public on horseback.

#### SHE WON'T PAY HER RENT. CATIMONT

A row of tenement houses at which a house agent appears; knocking at the door of the first one, a woman appears in answer and hands him the weekly rent. At the next door, in answer to his summons, a man appears and prepares to pay him a man appears and prepares to pay nim his due. Quite a different reception awaits him at the third house, for, on making known his wants, he is refused. On his persistence "he must have the rent," the woman, without further ado, although not young in years, promptly knocks him down. He gets up and indignantly protects against such treatment, and is again knocked down by the virago. On arising from the second fall, he goes off for the police, and goes to the door with the policeman; again he demands his dues. The virago simply knocks the man and the policeman into the gutter. As the policeman tries to arrest her he is rather heavily mauled. The po-liceman blows his whistle for further asneeman blows his whistle for further as-sistance and calls upon a gentleman, in the-name of the law, to help him. The gentle-man fearlessly lays his hand upon the wom-an, when, to his utter astonishment, he finds himself sprawling on the ground. Hastily picking himself up, shaking the dust from his frock coat tails, he again essays the task; with the assistance of the policeman and rent collector they make cautious advances. The virage receives them figuravalues. The virage receives them incomined they with open arms, standing as though saying, "Come one and all." No sooner do they come within reach of her fists, than she lays the three in the dust, as though they were a set of ninepins put up for the pleasure of her knocking them down. Four pressure of ner knocking them down. Four pedestrians now appear, and go to the aid of the three fallen men. Several of the crowd assist the three men, and the over-whelming numbers compel the woman to

in, enter the room, carry the virago and orders out a skirmishing party, who, fully her daughter (who had been assisting her armed and headed by the regunental drumtor throw but the kitchen utensils) down the mer, start in pursuit of the devil, whom stairs, where the ambulance truck awaits they imagine the mail carrier to be. Scatstairs, where the ambulance truck awaits them. In spite of her kicking, scratching and biting, she is eventually placed and strapped down, and with a whole crowd of goes off at a gallop into the midst of a children at her heels, is run off to the party of fair equestriennes, who laugh at police station, while the daughter, in cushers by otherwise the marker of the management of the party of the management of the party of the management of the management of the party of the management of the party of the party of the management of the party o

### THE NEAR-SIGHTED CYCLIST.

The cyclist is despatcher upon an impor-tant errand, and his humorous and alarming adventures by the way form the subject of this series. Misadventure follows misadventure with great frequency, but the cyclist comes up smiling every time, mounts his machine, and again resumes his journey.

Accidents which would maim or kill an ordinary mortal serve only to spur him on to fresh exertions in a mad search for physical inconveniences and dangers, which always present themselves. It may indeed be predicted of the hero that he will either die peacefully in his bed or end his career through slipping on a piece of orange peel, or swallowing a pin. Only an ordinary and simple ending would be appropriate after such a strenuous life. Certainly he will

He charges at full speed a horse-drawn tram car, and is upset. He attacks the double windows of a corner shop, to fall into a basket of eggs on the other side. He bodily upsets a donkey, cart and driver. He is precipitated into and disorganizes a party of men and women enjoying refreshment at an open-air cafe. He is thrown into a deep excavation in the road, and, colliding with the parapet of a bridge, is thrown over and falls forty feet into a swiftly flowing river, to be fished out and remount his machine. Finally, he appears in full view of the audience, a sorry spectacle of mud, eggs, water and other accumulations, but wearing a grin of triumph which au-gurs well for his future.

#### SHOEING THE MAIL CARRIER. GAUMONT.

A mail carrier is about to go on his rounds and asks his wife to bring his shoes, of which he seems to wear out a large numor which he seems to wear out a large num-ber, judging from the relies she displays for his selection. Finding none to his sat-isfaction, his wife goes to the shoe store and a boy returns with some on approval. Selecting a pair, he put them on, kisses his wife, and commences his journey. He is seen delivering letters en route, at the same time admiring the shoes. "Pride comes be-fore a fall, and he, not noticing where he is going, stumbles and falls. On rising he finds, to his disgust, one of his new shoes broken, sole from upper, in which condi-tion he has to complete his round and ultimately reaches his home, limping and footsore, falling exhausted into a chair. Utterly at a loss what to do to find money to keep him in shoe leather, his wife conceives an idea which she puts into immediate ex-ecution. Taking her husband to a horse pedestrians now appear, and go to the aid shoer, she has him shod with iron. This which materializes into the real thing, from of the three fallen men. Several of the proceeding causes a complete change in the whelman the three men, and the overman; from an affectionate husband he be with satisfaction. The woman's head restellation that the three men, and the overman; from an affectionate husband he be with satisfaction. The woman's head restellation that the state of the seven that the seven is the seven that the seven that

tering everything before him, eluding his pursuers, the carrier goes off to river brink. causes excitement all around, knocking several into the water, into which he falls himself, and is rescued by a life-saving corps. Regaining terra firma, he leads the soldiers a merry chase, leaping over houses, soldiers a merry chase, leaping over nouses, up hill, down valley, bounding over every obstacles; coming to a church, he scatters a group of boys who are playing. A church dignitary in all solemnity appears at the oignitary in all solemnty appears at the church door, and pronounces a curse on the man, who flees; coming to a narrow pas-sageway, the soldiers barricade it, but the man leaps over them all, going on his way exhausted but unable to stop; he hails a exhausted but unable to stop; he haus a coach on which is a boy driving, who takes him home, where with all dignity and blessings given by a priest of the church, assistant of the church, assistant of the church as the church assistant of the church of the church assistant of the church assistant of the church of the church assistant of the church ed by the horse shoer, the offending shoe is removed and the mail carried takes on once more his normal nature.

#### THE LEGLESS RUNNER. GAUMONT.

A man without legs is seen in a low wagon, propelling himself along with specially prepared pieces of wood, with which he touches the ground, and the wagon is skilfully guided through the streets. He is seen proceeding to a saloon, where a bottle of wine is brought to his order; he escapes payment and is pursued by the waiter. In his haste he rushes down a steep pathway of steps, knocking over others who are coming up. Falling in a heap at the bottom, he gather himself together and flees. An officer tries to stop him, but is bowled over. Hastily rushing to the barracks, he orders out a sargeant and squad of infantry who in obeying orders get themselves mixed up in trying to capture the man, who leads them a merry dance up the side of a house and off the roof, up hill and down dale, eluding them at every point. He is seen making his way in the distance, and the soldiers deploy in the valley hoping to cut off his chance of escape as he comes down a rapid incline. The better to do this, they bring barrels, and get into them to hide. In his rapid descent he trundles the barrels in nis rapid descent he trindles the barrels and soldiers down the hillside into the river, into which he falls himself, and is rescued by the soldiers, who have difficulty in putting him into his wagon. They tie his hands and push him along over the difficult places through which they have to retrace their steps, until they reach the barracks, where they hand their prisoner over to the guard.

#### COMEDY CARTOONS. URBAN.

The artist is presented, with his board; his only appearance. The hand rapidly out-lines a human head, into the chalky jaws of which it inserts a cigarette. The chalk head smokes, and finally eats, the cigarette.

The head of a woman is drawn, which gradually fills and becomes undoubtedly human. Eyes of feminine longing are turned in the direction of a chalk-outline teapot,

Pierrot, who dances, juggles with hoops, across the ocean. Painters are busily en-and finally dissolves by a rapid pinwheel gaged on her smokestacks, her cabins, and

is seen to issue from the mouth, and comithe wheel movement and the clown bears. The head of a man is now drawn in chalk. This gradually assumes life and a marvelous manner. The gesticulates in a marvelous manner. head is seen to split from crown to chin, the halves fall apart as if hinged, and from the eyes are drawn numberless yards of fine tape.

From inside the two halves of the head are produced champagne and liqueur in botare produced champagne and liqueur in bott-tles, cigars, cigarettes and glasses. The halves of the head are rejoined, life and comic gesticulations again occur, and the hand of the artist wipes the whole from the blackboard, section by section, though muscular action remains even in the last portion left-one eye-which winks at the audience in an impudent manner before being finally wiped out.

THE TOILET OF AN OCEAN GREYHOUND.

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movement into a vivacious head.

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#### LECTURER

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#### ORGANIZE.

There was never a time in the history of the moving picture trade when the need for organization was so great as at present, Proprietors of nickelodeons are being beset on every side by the theatrical proprietors, who find that their receipts are diminishing and consequently are loud in their outcry for the suppression of the 5-cent theater, which is gaining such a hold upon the people. Then, societies for purity, etc., are trying to purify them, or else close them altogether. The boards of electricity and fire underwriters are after them, and, being urged on by these various agencies, the police departments of New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and other large centers are becoming active in: the efforts to purify or exterminate. Which is it to be? The result rests with you, reader. We have information in our possession which points to the prime cause of all the persecution in New York, and when the proper time comes we will publish it. We interviewed a man higher up, to learn the position of the trade in the eve of the powers that be, and while we could not get anything for publication, we were given a vast amount of information, and the desire was expressed that those in the trade would settle their own guarrels first and show a united knowledge of what they want. Two organizations are . in existence, one favoring the quick operation of the surgeon, the other pleading for delay, picking little by little. One goes before the Judge with certain welldefined arguments to which the Judge is inclined to listen; up jumps the other side, having an equal number of followers, declaring they do not want this. No wonder the Judge is puzzled. It needs the judgment of a Solomon to decide under such conflicting conditions. Members of the trade, cleanse your own houses first, then solidify, join hands, and present a united front, and you will win. A house divided against itself cannot stand, nor can the sticks be broken while they are bound together. Now is not the time to dally, to temporize, to wait. Now is the time to be up and doing for the sake of your future standing in the community. what is wanted to-day in New York, but to be capable of doing this, an amalgamation of both sections of unions is absolutely necessary, and we urge the heads of both branches to call a joint meeting to first settle their own differences of opinion, and they will then gain what they desire. Further than this, there is a vast field to be worked. A strong organization at the back of Messrs. Baker & Ross, of New Jersey (see our Trade Notes), would soon secure them the justice that is their due, and the action of the two aldermen be held up to public contumely and contempt. Such a dog-in-the-manger policy exhibited by these owners of nickelodeons towards their competitors is unjust and must be set aside.

## Electricity for the Operator

By H. MEREDITH-JONES, M. E., C. E.

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Fundamental and Derived Mechanical Units.

L. for length.

M. for mass.

T. for time. V. for volume.

v. for velocity. W. for work.

P. for power. w. for weight.

ft. lb. for foot pound.

H. P. or HP for horse-power.

I. H. P. for indicated horse-power.

B. H. P. for brake horse-power.

#### Symbols in General Use.

D or d for diameter.

R r for radius of anything.

G for galvanometer or galvanometer resistance.

s for shunt or shunt resistance.

B or b for battery or battery resistance. F. P. S. for foot, pound, second (system).

C. G. S. for centimeter, gramme, second (system).

for battery or cells. T+ for terminal positive.

T- for terminal negative. E. M. for electro magnet.

F. M. for field magnet. c. p. for candle-power of a lamp.

A. M. for amperemeter. V. M. for voltmeter.

G. P. for gutta-percha. I. R. for india-rubber.

C. R. for copper resistance.

S. W. G. for standard wire gauge (legal).

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#### Practical Electrical Units.

R and r1, r2, etc., for resistance (general for any resist-

RI for resistance of insulation.

O for ohm.

Mo for megohm.

C and c1, c2, etc., for current (general for any current).

A or a for ampere. E or e1, e2, etc., for electro-motive-force or any E. M. F.

v for volt. K and k1, k2, etc., for capacity (general for any capacity).

mfd for microfarad. Q and q<sub>1</sub>, q<sub>2</sub>, etc., for quantity (general for coulombs). Pw or WP for power in watts or watts.

Wj for work in joules.

Ra for resistance of armature.

Rm for resistance of main. Rs for resistance of shunt-coils.

Re for resistance of external circuits of dynamo or mon

Ca for current in armature. Cm for current in main.

Cs for current in shunt-coils.

Ce for current in external circuits of dynamo or motor. Ea for E. M. F. or difference of potential in armature. Eb for E. M. F. or difference of potential on brushes.

Es for E. M. F. or difference of potential on shunt. Ec for E. M. F. or difference of potential on external on

cuits of dynamo or motor.

#### Magnetic Units and Magnetism.

N. for north pointing pole of a magnet, painted red. S. for south pointing pole of a magnet, painted blue.

m for magnetic strength of a pole.

.1 for distance between poles of a bar magnet. ml for moment of a magnet.

H for magnetising force or strength of field.

M, or B for magnetic induction.

MP or u for magnetic permeability or coefficient of mag netic induction.

I. for intensity of magnetism.

Lm for length of magnetic circuits in dynamo magnets Las for length of magnetic circuits in dynamo air span La for length of magnetic circuits in dynamo armatum

Sm for section of dynamo magnets. Sas for section of dynamo air space.

Sa for section of dynamo armature.

R. for magnetic resistance of anything. Rm for magnetic resistance of magnet cores and yoke.

Ras for magnetic resistance of air space. Ra for magnetic resistance of armature.

E for exciting magnetising force.

AxTmw for ampere-turns of magnet wire. Mr for magnetic flux or flow or total number of line between poles or two parts.

These are some of the symbols used by electricians a electrical engineers for referring to certain parts or ce tain actions in a short, easy, brief way and are here give for the reader's reference, as they will be used during subsequent chapters. Remember, sometimes similar le ters or symbols occur, but under different headings. The is only for convenience in working out formulæ and fe

This concludes my chapter on units of measurement one of the hardest things to make clear, but I feel that have made matters clear and simple and will always glad to answer all questions on this or any chapter set to me through the office of the Moving Picture World

and answer it in its columns.

#### (To be continued.)

NEW MOVING PICTURE SHOW.—William Du and Rudolph Juhling, of the Animated Picture Co., Not Jersey, are in Towanda and will open an electric these which will be known as "The Lyric" and will be read for business about June 29. The syndicate with whit Messrs. Duke and Juhling are connected at present has theaters in New York, Perth Amboy, South Ambor Newark, New Brunswick, in the East, and four in Kan sas City, Kan., with others to be installed in the West.

When writing to Advertisers please mention The Moving Picture World.



Proprietors of moving picture shows must pay a license ax of \$20 a year after July I in Camden.

At Wichita, Kan., June 15 a spark that flashed from he arc light used in the moving picture machine at the lixie Theater on North Main street, set a film on fire nd burned through catching two other films. xploded with a loud report enveloping the entire end of he show in a mass of flames. The fire was soon extinnished before any serious damage was done.

In Hartford, Conn., the Madden Building on Prosect street is being fixed for a moving picture show which will be conducted by a New Haven man. It will open oon and continue this summer.

Woodsdale Park, Hamilton, O., has a new electric heater which opened for the first time June 15, adding nuch to the interest of this place as a pleasure resort.

Messrs. Loranger & Storrs, of Traverse City, Mich., Can., will conduct a high-class moving picture and illusrated song theater in the Gorsche block. These gentlehen are successfully conducting similar enterprises in Traverse City and upper peninsular towns. \* \* \*

The Weyenberg Building, La Pere, Wis., is being fitted p for a vaudette or 5-cent theater.

J. H. Ostergaard, of Minneapolis, is in St. Cloud, linn, making arrangements for the opening of a mov-ng picture show. He will rent the Lahr block on St. fermain street and open June 29.

\* \*: \* The Casino, Meadville's (Pa.) latest moving picture how, under the management of the Rosenthal & Burke musement Co., was opened to the public Friday,

A. L. Peters has concluded to engage in the moving icture business, having bought out a concern at Media, 2. He will go there in a short time to take charge of he business.

AN INJUSTICE.-Baker & Ross, who for some time ave been trying to secure a license for a moving picture how at 122 Main street, Paterson, N. J., again appeared efore the license committee of the Board of Aldermen ane 17 and petitioned the members to grant them their cense. They were represented by Munson Force as ounsel, and the latter made a strong plea for them, but rithout avail.

When this firm made its first application for the license e matter was referred to Chief Stagg, of the Fire Deartment, for investigation. The latter reported to the ommittee that the store, which is 14 feet wide and 100 et deep, was not fit for a show house and would be a he trap in case fire should start there. The firm then had an architect draw plans embodying many changes which would make the place safe. The place was finally arranged to the satisfaction of Chief Stagg and the license again applied for.

The members of the committee informed Messrs. Baker & Ross that the city was being overrun with such show houses and they would not grant another license. Mr. Baker stated that he had done everything that could be asked of him. The place was now safer than a majority of similar places in the city, they had spent several thousand dollars in making improvements, and if they

did not get a license their money would be lost.

Lawyer Force said that his clients had acted fairly with the city, and he thought that the committee should treat them in a similar manner. The place was safe, the show that was to be conducted was a clean one, and there was apparently no reason why a license should not be granted.

Alderman Boylan stated that there were too many such places in the city, and he thought the time had come to call a halt. Besides that, he did not believe the place could be made safe, and even if Chief Stagg had changed his mind on the matter he had not. Alderman Morgan said that he would vote for the license, as he thought the men had done all that they could to comply with the law, and it would be a hardship to force them to lose their money. Upon the roll being called Alderman Morgan voted in favor of the license; Aldermen Kerwin and Quigley refused to vote, and Aldermen Boylan, Heinrichs and Daly voted against it. Both of the latter are interested in the moving picture business themselves, having had licenses granted to them. Lawyer Munson Force, counsel for Baker & Ross, the firm whose application for a moving picture theater license was turned down by a committee of the Board of Aldermen, intends to renew efforts on behalf of his clients to get "a square deal." A move will be made through one of the Aldermen to take the matter out of the hands of the Aldermanic committee and present it before the entire body at the next meeting of the board. If that fails there is another legal card which the counselor is keeping up his sleeve for an emergency.

Mr. Force said: "This matter will in all likelihood go to the courts if the Aldermen do not do the right thing

The conviction is widespread among the people of this city that the three members of the license committee-Boylan, Daly and Heinrichs-who opposed a favorable report on the application, were unfair in their action.

Scores of people pass the site of the theater daily and comment on the outrage perpetrated by the committee in refusing to license a place that is so commodious and adapted for the purposes for which it is intended. This expression of public opinion will be taken advantage of by Lawyer Force in his appeal to the Aldermen

The proprietors of the theater declare that if Alderman Boylan could personally inspect the building his repeated objections would be removed. No hope of changing the vote of Messrs. Daly and Heinrichs, who

operate moving picture shows themselves, is entertained.
[Messrs. Baker & Ross have our sympathy and good wishes in their fight for justice, and every proprietor of a 5-cent theater not only in New Jersey, but throughout the States, ought to offer a helping hand in the fight. -Ep.1

Bioscope views of Dick Croker's great Irish-American victory at the Derby were on at the halls the night of the race. You will see it at Keith's.

The Nickelodeon, Ottumwa, Ia., opened recently. The management has secured a five-year lease on the building and will make the show a permanent fixture of the city, running the year round. Mr. Moore, who has charge of the show, will continue to operate the entertainment permanently.

It is well that attention should be turned to what are called the 5-cent theaters. Most of them include moving pictures of murders, outlaws and various forms of Frequently the scene is the murder of officers of the Government, and the series is such as to educate the boy into lawbreaking and into sympathy with lawbreakers. Many of the shows are developing a class of anarchists and criminials who will be costly to the next generation. A set of revolutionists training for the overthrow of the Government could find no surer means than these exhibitions. There is considerable difference among them; but the worst are often crowded to the doors with boys and girls in cities often to the hour of midnight. We are now spending enormous sums of money on our public schools. The heaviest tax levied is the school tax. The justification is, that the purpose is to make better citizens. But there are thousands of influences which are undoing the work of the schools. To read and write does not make a good citizen. Education may only make the criminal more adroit. Most of our public schools do exert a moral influence; but the work of the school may be easily destroyed by pictures of crime. These 5-cent theaters are far more pernicious than the 5-cent novel, since pictures make a more powerful impression than the story. So says the Christian Leader, Cincinnati, O.

[We think this editorial is too pessimistic and rather

far-fetched.-ED.]

A moving picture and vaudeville show was inaugurated in Monument Hall, Charleston, Mass., Tuesday, June 18, under the management of Harrington & Peterson, who are experienced purveyors to the amusement-loving public.

Owners of 5-cent theaters throughout Chicago who have "amateur" nights every Friday and allow young boys and gils to sing and dance to the amusement of the spectators will be arrested and their licenses revoked if plans being formulated by Judge Mack, of the Juvenile Court, do not miscarry.

For some time detectives have been securing evidence against owners of these places and, it is said, that a number of warrants will be asked for within a few days.

The amateur night evil was forcibly brought to the attention of Judge Mack to-day when Jessie Dale, ten years old, and Sarah Greenberg, eleven years old, were arraigned before him. Both admitted having sung in 5-cent theaters.

The Dale girl, who lives at 180 Jackson boulevard,

was sent to the House of the Good Sheperd.
"What theaters did you visit?" asked Judge Mack.
"Oh, on the West Side," she replied.

"Where and when?" asked Judge Mack.

"Oh, almost any theater on Friday nights."

After listening to the girl's story Judge Mack expressed his opinion of the 5-cent theaters.

"I am decidedly opposed to such things," said the Court, "especially where they affect the future mothers of this country. The girls must be saved even at the sacrifice of these theaters.

"It may appear harmless to allow girls and boys to display their talent before an appreciative audience, but

the influences are degrading. We expect to have sever men arrested in a short time for allowing such things."

The Greenberg girl was said to have associated with blind man who lives in the vicinity of Adams and its sted streets. She denied the accusation and turned her accusers and called them liars. She was sent to Geneva after a reprimand by Judge Mack.

Besides these two, twelve other girls, ranging in a from nine to fourteen years old, were arraigned for proper conduct. The twelve were paroled to their paents, who will report each week the improvement of the

Sarah Greenberg was characterized by Judge Mad as one of the worst girls who had appeared before his "Why, she is a confirmed pickpocket," he declare "It is remarkable where she learned what she has."

HULL HOUSE, CHICAGO.—"When you can't he the guns on pictures, I'd sooner have fun." This constatement of nine-year-old Alexander Capri, 269 Forque street, who is a regular attendant of and authority a 5-cent theaters, will alter the plans of the Hull Heen Nickel Theater.

An audience of only thirty-seven watched the kinet scope adventures of Cinderella, the little image seller, and Japanese folk on their initial appearance on the with screen. But they expressed themselves as well satisfie

The satisfaction of the visitors seemed too perfunding and merely courteous to satisfy Manager Britton, who buttonholed a half-dozen small visitors and asked the their opinion of the exhibition.

Several were diffdent, but Alexander finally advant the first criticism. It was accepted thankfully by

manager.

"That is the trouble, I believe," he said. "We he not injected enough humor into the pictures. Of com Alexander won't get his revolvers and bandit scens our films, so we'll have to do the next best thing to mind and get funny ones."

The manager declared that funny pictures of the kind desired by the Hull House Theater were difficult to find Those of the "slap stick" and vulgar variety were numerous transfer of the "slap stick" and vulgar variety were numerous transfer of the "slap stick" and vulgar variety were numerous transfer of the "slap stick" and vulgar variety were numerous transfer of the "slap stick" and vulgar variety were numerous transfer of the "slap stick" and vulgar variety were numerous transfer of the "slap stick" and "sla

ous but not wanted.

The travel scenes and picture stories may be imrupted in the future by small lectures on the scenes incidents, delivered by the manager. The promoten the Hull House Theater professed themselves as of dent that the exhibitions would soon be well attended.

On the five nickel theaters within a few blocks of new amusement venture the following picture dan were advertised: "The Pirates," "The Defraud Banker," "The Adventures of an American Cowie 'An Attack on the Agent' and "The Car Man's Dangs

Highly colored lithographs showing shootings, he ups and lynchings were posted on the entrances to places. All were well attended.

"Oh, it's a good show, all right, but it ain't li

enough."

A very small young man, Jimmy Flaherty by may who has been accumulating dirt and experience through the twelve years of his life on Halsted street, past this judgment on the uplift nickel theater show at it.

House, after watching the first performance recently.

He spoke with authority and finality, as one wholm He was a first nighter through and through. He's he had not missed a show on the street for years was anxious to find defects, but in this case willing overlook them, because the show was a part of the places. Therefore, although he spoke frankly, he tempered his

marks with gentleness.

"Bet your life it's pretty, all right, and it lasts good nd long, and dat Cimbrella show was swell, but it's too tow to make a go of it on dis street," he said. "Things as got ter have some hustle. I don't say it's right, but seple likes to see fights, 'n' fellows getting hurt, 'n' we makin', 'n' robbers, and all that stuff. I like to my-dif, even. This here show ain't even frunny, unless those ig lizards from Java was funny. But, of course, this the Hull House show, and a fellow mustn't roast 'em; cause they always tries to do the square thing. But, sy, youse ought to see one dat dey's got sout' o' Twelfth tret. Gee whiz!"

Mr. Boris Thomashefsky, of the Peoples' Theater Yidish Co., tells an incident showing how the popular movg picture machine seemed to strike a countryman.

Thomashefsky was attending to the transfer of his aggage at a Texas town of the Majestic circuit, where he whole bill that played the last town was also transerring. An old fellow stepped up to him and made the mattive observation:

"I s'pose you b'long to this crowd of show folks that's

oin' to act out here this evenin'?"

Upon being assured of the correctness of his remark, homashefsky then asked, as show people often do, what how had preceded them.
"Well," hesitated the old fellow, rubbing his bearded

"Well," hesitated the old fellow, rubbing his bearded hin, "I don't jes' remember the name of it, but they and one of the flickerin' picter outfits."

The Acme Vaudeville Co. of New York has made rrangements with Mr. S. Z. Poli, Torrington, Conn., sherby the latter turns over Poli's Theater to the comany for a season of summer vaudeville. The season was magurated Monday June 17, matinee and night performances given every day. In addition to five vaudelle acts, which will be changed every week, there will a each shibition of moving pictures which will include he latest films from New York, London and Paris actories.

The Acme Vaudeville Co. is made up of men who have been identified with the vaudeville business for jears, and they have the call on all the leading acts played in the Klaw & Erlanger and the Keith circuits.

Recorder Lazarus, of Bayonne, N. J., will be called in to decide whether the old blue laws are operative. Frank Melville, manager of Melville Park, a new amusement resort, and Messrs. Robrecht & Glickman, prorictors of the Park Theater, will be arraigned charged with having violated Sunday the vice and immorality act.

A moving picture show was given at the theater and at he park several amusements were enjoyed by 20,000 persons, but there was no sale of liquor, music nor

dancing.

Public sentiment appears to favor Melville, who has wested \$250,000 in his park. In the event of his contion it is likely that efforts will be made to have all the blue laws strictly enforced. That would mean no trolley nor steam cars Sundays and the closing of every store.

Mr. James A. Dummett, of Seattle, who is on a tour of the East delivering illustrated lectures on Seattle and the Puget Sound country, writes that his work is being recived with keen interest at all points.

Mr. Dummett was formerly general secretary for the Y. M. C. A. at Omaha, and has been prominently connected with this movement for years. He has spent some two or three months in collecting photographs of various scenes around the Puget Sound country, which have been made into lantern slides and are used to illustrate his lectures.

He is promoting the interests of the Alaska-Yukon-

Pacific Exposition.

Sherman C. Kingsley, in "Charities and the Commons," says: A member of the new formed Moving Picture Exhibitors' Association says that there are 350 places now open in Greater New York devoted to nickel and penny exhibitions in which 3,000 persons are employed; \$7,000,000 is the aggregate amount invested in the business.

The owner of a moving picture theater in Chicago says that any person who can establish such an exhibition in a town of 15,000 is assured of a fortune.

Chicago is trying to regulate its cheap amusements. The City Club committee has found after investigation that many of the penny arcades and like enterprises are distinctly harmful to the children of the city.

In New York the Moving Picture Exhibitors' Association was incorporated this month "to promote the interests of members, to prevent the use of lewd and improper pictures, to devise and adopt methods for the more effective observance of the laws and ordinances relating to such exhibitions and to prevent the cancellation of licenses without the holders of them having a hearing.'

There is an evident need for more regulation along this line, as brought out by the following outline of what the City Club found in the cheap amusement places of

Chicago:

THE MOVING PICTURE WORLD, representing the moving picture interests in this country, estimates in a recent issue that the attendance in all of Chicago's 5-cent the aters averages 100,000 a day. Three thousand dollars is the monthly income for one areade in State street, Chicago, and the interest that is being shown in the small city—for practically every town of 5,000 to 10,000 has its "amusement palace"—is naturally greater than in a metropolis which affords so many other branches of cheap amusement.

The Chicago City Club recently appointed a committee on charitable and correctional institutions to investigate conditions in that city, relating to the penny arcade and

the cheap theater.

Through the Chicago courts and probation officers, members of the club had learned that the daring holdups, shop-lifting episodes and murders depicted by the moving picture machine were getting the children of the city into-trouble.

Here was a little too much realism of the wrong sort. The committee that made the rounds of the cheap anusement places of Chicago found that there are four classes of theaters appealing to the boys and young men looking for inexpensive amusement. There is the familiar penny arcade with its cracked phonograph and numerous slot machines, shooting galleries and knife stands. Thirty to sixty per cent. of the moving picture exhibits in this place the committee found objectionable.

In the theaters of the second class that attract children, admission can be gained to the "nigger heaven" for 10 or 15 cents. Here young boys are found in large numbers. In one place the visitor counted thirty boys who were not over 12 and about one hundred that were

under 16. All these boys were in the gallery: there were small boys all through the audience

There were in another theater fifty unattended boys under 12 and one hundred not over 14, who had outgrown the 5-cent theaters and desired something more

thrilling

The fourth class is still higher priced and draws particularly the older boys and young men. There is usually a scattering of small boys in the audience. Here the limit of indecency is reached. Bills differ widely different weeks, but there is usually something that, it would seem, would satisfy even the most depraved taste.

On one occasion the visitor counted fifteen policemen in uniform, in spite of the fact that only a little over a year ago the Chicago City Council, after reciting the growing evils attendant upon these cheap amusement

places, passed the following order:

"Ordered, that the chief of police be and is hereby instructed to use the police powers of the city and at once prohibit the exhibition of any pictures depicting crimes, the scenes of crimes, the methods of criminals or any pictures which may suggest criminal or immoral scenes, or may illustrate the habits, haunts or methods of criminal or vicious characters, and that he be further instructed to close at once all places of exhibition of such a nature if such pictures are not at once removed."

This is what one of the visitors saw in a penny arcade: Boys were crowded around a knife board. Three ring were given for a nickel, seven for a dime. From half a dozen hands flew the rings. Rarely a ring dropped over a knife. When it did the attendant shoved out its value in rings. Now and then a knife that was won was taken, but not often. One lad captured six knives, but

he took them all in new chances.

A dirty hand belonging to a boy under 16 brought up a \$5 bill and shoved it across to the attendant. From his change he again and again feverishly replenished his pile of rings, only to see them rattle out of sight behind the knives.

"Are you in this?" the visitor said to a little fellow perhaps 12.

"Oh, it' seasy, mister. See the knife that I've got this morning and one fellow got a watch, too, worth \$2.50, sure."

Turning to the manager, the visitor said: "Just see those boys learning to gamble. Look at their money

fly."
"You're right," he answered, "but where did those chiltheir parents. If the parents of Chicago care no more for their children than that, why should we? Shall we be more interested in them than their parents? We do not put a shotgun to their heads; they come in here and give us their money.

This is by no means a purely local question that the city of Chicago is trying to work out. It is a problem that practically every city in the country has on its hands to-day. Not that the advent of every "dreamland" with its blatant phonograph horn means the moral downfall of the youth of that section, but it is a fact that is borne out by the Chicago investigation that the general influence of the penny arcade and the cheap theater with its games of chance, kidnappings and its murders, cannot be for good.

Manager Jennings, of Hartford, Conn., and Miles Brothers, of New York, have entered into an agreement whereby the former tenders the use of his theater to the New York concern for the exclusive production of every

new and up-to-date moving picture it manufacture which assures Opera House patrons many good thing worth seeing.

Considerable excitement was caused in and about moving picture theater near the corner of Hallam an Pembroke streets, Bridgeport, Conn., when the films the picture machine caught fire. Had it not been for the prompt arrival of the new auto-chemical engine the blar might have resulted more seriously.

The picture theater is conducted by a man name Deitz. There were about twenty-five patrons in the plan at 7.45 o'clock the other night when the films sudden went up in flames. The patrons flocked out in some er citement. Had there been a large number in the theale at the time some accidents might have resulted.

There was considerable smoke when the apparatus a rived and there was every indication of a brisk blue The chemicals, however, soon quelled the flames and there was but little damage. It was said that the open ator of the machine was slightly burned about the hank

More than 200 proprietors of moving picture show in New York representing, it is said, an aggregate investigate ment of some \$8,000,000, are anxiously awaiting a det sion from Justice Blanchard, in the Supreme Court of an application made by Nicola Seraphine, as preside of the Moving Picture Exhibitors' Association, for this suance of an injunction restraining Mayor McClella from interfering with the licenses of the moving pith shows. Seraphine also asked the Court to restrain the Mayor from holding hearings in the case of each hold of a license for a moving picture show for the purp of determining whether or not the license should be revoked.

A peculiar feature of the litigation and one if seemed to greatly perplex Justice Blanchard is the while Scraphine and his sixty associate members manded the injunction, sixty other proprietors of m ing picture shows opposed the issuance of any injunction which would restrain the Mayor from holding put hearings before revoking any license, Justice Blancha said it was a most surprising situation and one white he proposed "to sift to the bottom" before making decision.

Seraphine wanted a referee appointed, on the groun that "there are things in connection with the moving picture trouble that cannot be said at present in the open," but this request the Judge refused. \* \* \*

Saratoga Springs.-This season promises to be a m ord-breaker, due to the fact that Saratoga will enterta two National conventions outnumbering any crowd en housed within her gates.

The Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar whi convenes July 7 to 12, has for the past two years le engaging accommodations both in the town and its vit ity. Every available square foot of room will be out pied during their stay in the village. Commanderies surrounding cities are renting private residences for her quarters. The big day will be that of the parade. will continue for five hours. The remainder of the time will be devoted to receptions by different commandent dances, drives and all the enjoyments procurable.

The National Encampment of the Grand Army of Republic, which meets the week beginning September will tax the town even more than the earlier convent The number reported at the time of the decision in in

of Saratoga was \$2,000 men. The churches and school houses will be utilized, and a tented city outside the villege will be a fair reminder of the past. The parade will be the most prominent feature. The veterans will assemble in Woodlawn Park in regular army manner. They will march in such a way that every veteran will see every other veteran, a thing which has never been accomplished before.

Many preparations have been made for the season's guests. The roads and avenues are adorned on either side, and the village has done its best to make the road-

beds most comfortable.

The Delaware & Hudson Railroad is building several new lines of track into the village, and will erect a summer station. All passengers from the South will arrive here, thereby doing away with congestion at the old

station.

Congress Spring Park will be transformed into a miniature Coney Island. It will contain a mammoth merrygor-round, a Ferris wheel, a real Japanese tea garden, and all the features which go to make up an up-to-date pleasure park. Several moving picture galleries have been opened, and arrangements have been made to cinematograph the processions, which will be in great demand for entertainments in the fall.

Some of the most surprising stunts ever sprung to capture a national convention are being prepared to induce the National Association of Stationary Engineers to meet in Colorado Springs and Denver next summer. The words, "Denver" and "Colorado Springs" will literally be painted on the water at Niagara Falls in burning letters of fire by night and floated in the skies by day.

This year's convention will be held at Niagara Falis in September and Colorado will send a strong delegation amed with the necessary "pull" to get next year's meeting. H. H. Buckwalter, the moving picture man of Deneri, has been given charge of the unique features and he has plans almost without number, any one of which would seem to be sufficient to start the natives talking and the votes coming the right way. The plan is to arry the ballot by storm and make every person present a walking, boosting advertisement for Colorado. Mr. Buckwalter was at Niagara Falls looking over the ground and called at our office on his way back to Denver.

One of his stunts will be a "Colorado evening" before

One of his stunts will be a "Colorado evening" before he convention, when a long list of motion pictures and colored slides will be shown. The Denver convention largue is preparing a handsome book to be distributed roadcast during the meeting and no effort is being pared to make a most strenuous fight for next year's

convention.

The members of the National Association of Stationmy Engineers," said Mr. Buckwalter, "are the kind of
ropie I want to see come to Colorado. I am tired of
costing for the cheap crowds that spend all their money
of the trip here and back and have scarcely a dollar for
sithseeing. Engineers are a class of men who earn
mod money. They represent the class of people we are
ther, for they will bring their families with them and
muce their neighbors and friends to come along. In my
printon, if we land the convention, it will mean at least
Iom 2,000 to 3,000 visitors at a time when Colorado is
the best and the tourists are beginning to pack up
and go home."

Mr. Buckwalter's experience in getting convention towds is somewhat extensive, his work for the Christian Endeavor meeting a couple of years ago, as well as other

atherings, being well known.

"It has been my practice for several years," explained Mr. Buckwalter, "to put back into advertising every dollar of profit from my park exhibitions. Colorado Springs, for instance, received the benefit of the wonderful picture of the Short Line, which was made without charge to the railroad company, and this film has been shown in every civilized part of the globe and is still running. I believe this one picture reached and interested more people in Colorado than all the railroad advertising put out in the State last year. It is well known that scarcely one per cent. of the railroad booklets strikes the bull's eye, while a moving picture draws thousands of people who actually pay to see it and the impression it leaves is a lasting one that is bound to do much good. At Niagara Falls I expect to show the very best of the many pictures I have made in the State and at the same time tell the audience the good points of a trip here in September. The pictures get the brain in a receptive condition and the quick, lucid presentation of facts will sink home and stay there. The people simply can't avoid being convinced and they will not be satisfied until they actually see the sights that amazed them when thrown on the screen.'

N. C. Williams, Sr., N. C. Williams, Jr., and F. J. Kyle applied for a charter for the Atlanta Moving Picture Machine and Film Renting Supply Co., whose object it is to manufacture and sell supplies for electric theaters. The capital stock of the company will be \$3,500.

Several hundred feet of "Love in a Cottage" and the "Cook's Revenge" were burned June 17. A spark caused the blaze and threw 200 people into a panic. All left without the formality of getting their money back, although the show had just started. The fire was in an amusement place in Washington avenue, Mt. Washington. A box of films caught fire from a spark from the electric machine and in an instant the entire box of record pictures was ablaze.

Manager H. Burr Lee, of the opera house, Petoskey, Mich., anonunced that he intended canceling all the dates he had with standard attractions during the present the-atrical season. This step is taken on account of the light patronage given the better class of companies which he has played lately, and which he had secured for the greater part of the season yet remaining. Mr. Lee says that Petoskey people have shown such a preference for the 5-cent theaters, and caused the house to lose on such people as Porter J. White and Roselle Knott, that he is led to believe that they do not care for anything better, and will cut out all the higher priced contracts that he had made.

Coney Island's, N. Y., moving picture showmen are happy because of a decision handed down by Magistrate Voorhees recently relative to the question as to whether the men engaged in that line of business violated the law in employing men singers with the showing of illustrated songs. It appears that when Police Captain Stepheno O'Brien was in charge of the Fifteenth Inspection District as an inspector an order was issued prohibiting all singing of illustrated songs in places where moving pictures were shown. The order was strictly enforced and every one of the places suffered. The police held in following out the order that if the proprietors of the places insisted on employing singers, they must either

take out a concert hall license or subject themselves to arrest.

Last week; however, one of the proprietors, Herman Wacke, owner of one of the largest moving picture payilions on Coney Island, was summoned to the court on West Eighth street to answer a complaint made against him by Detective Gleason, who was acting under the order issued a month ago. Henry M. Cummings appeared as counsel for Wacke and said he had looked through the law and was unable to find where a person having singing with moving pictures violated the law. Magistrate Voorhees declared there was nothing before him on which to rule and he dismissed the case.

Proprietor M. H. Kuhn, of the Dreamland motion picture show in East Water street, Elmira, N.T., has announced that the proceeds of Wednesday's business for the next few weeks will be donated to the Women's Federation Building Fund to be especially devoted to the day nursery department.

Realizing that the cause is a most worthy one, Mr. Kuhn is anxious to contribute to the fund and he decided upon the manner of contributing as described. Dreamland is one of the most popular amusement resorts in the city and the donation of the entire proceeds on Wednesdays is a liberal contribution. But Mr. Kuhn is a nan of liberal views. He appreciates the value of the work being done and is to be congratulated for his generosity in the interest of so worthy a cause.

It is understood that Messrs. J. J. and W. C. Moore, members of the Police Department, Wilmington, N. C., have decided to open a moving picture theater of the popular type on Fourth street, between Brunswick and Bladen. They will not give their time to the operation of the theater, but will have a manager to look after it for them.

Jaseper Hinton, for many years a member of the Danville, Ill., police force, has gone into the theater business. With a man named Burris he has purchased a 5-cent show in Frankfort, Ind., and is now in charge.

Samuel Usher and L. L. Riley, of Lawrence, have leased the building at 612 Commercial street, Pomporia, Kan., and will open a 5-cent theater.

J. Baskin, Springfield, O., has purchased the Gem Theater from C. J. Gainey and will operate it with up-to-date moving pictures.

MOVING CAMERA TAKES FLASH.-Three years ago the Smithsonian Institution received a letter inquiring for a publication. Framed in a foreign hand upon a scrap of paper and expressed in quaint English, says a Washington correspondent of the Boston Transcript, it incidentally mentioned some curious experiments which the author had made in odd moments. With a small camera which he held in his hand and revolved from side to side he had taken some photographs of lightning. He inclosed a print in his letter and wanted to know if his results had any scientific value. The idea of photograph. ing lightning with a moving camera was a novel one to the Smithsonian experts, and after an investigation these officials decided that such experiments were worthy of assistance. A grant was, therefore, voluntarily made to enable the continuance of this photographing with more accurate apparatus.

In letters which followed it was learned that Mr. Alt. Larsen, for such was the author's name, was a Damis immigrant; educated in physics, chemistry and electric engineering at a night school, and that all his expenses were performed for the pure enjoyment of doing something new.

With the aid of the Smithsonian grant Mr. Larsen costructed special apparatus for his work. Upon a revising table turned by a timed motor were placed camenin such a position that they would not miss a flash what one occurred. To secure the photographs desired the table top was then revolved at a certain speed.

The results are interesting. Where the flash appeared perpendicular the negatives show naturally a broad sheet for a mere streak of lightning. By calculating from the speed of the camera's motion and measuring the width of the sheet the time of the flash is easily determinable. But the photographs showed at the very start that a single flash is not one big vibration. It is made up of yen many minor flashes, or rushes, following usually in the same channel as the first, and herein lies the special value of the work. In the best of the negatives there are easily counted as many as forty separate rushes which, as th whole flash lasted little over half a second, followed ead other in marvelously rapid succession. By measurement and by subsequent calculations Mr. Larsen determined the actual time between each rush; the figures, as may well be imagined, are almost inconceivably small, varying from the largest, three one-hundredths of a second, to the smallest, as low as two one-thousands of a second.

There appear many peculiarities of these separar ushes which might bear scientific investigation, but the most salient feature over which meteorologists and electrical engineers may puzzle is recorded on some of plates, among all the bright oscillations as a marked blad rush of lightning. The idea of lightning producing the extreme of darkness is repugnant to the actual name dightning. Yet the black rush is plainly visible. Malarsen, after refuting a number of suggestions the might be made to account for it ventures his own them to solve the puzzle. In discussing the record of a particlar flash in which the mark of the black rush is we distinct, he concludes "the flash must have given out light of a wave length much shorter than the wave length of visible light and with a power sufficient to render the portion of the plate struck by it non-sensitive to ordinal light. Such a flash," he says, "would appear black or a partially illuminated background, or be invisible."

Invisible lightning, therefore, seems to be a term per fectly proper, in view of the results recorded in some of these photographs. At the suggestion of the institution officials and with their help, Mr. Larsen carried his researches still further into the actual make-up of lightning. Photographs and studies of the light spectrum electric flashes in the air were compared with sparse produced by a static machine. The conclusions in limit with the century-old observations of Benjamin Frankinshow that there is little perceptible difference.

There are lots of things they can do in the States which would floor the mere Britisher. In the course of a fix description in an American trade contemporary appear the following: "Villain (sic) attempts to shoot determines from the girl. Thus virtue is triumphant, etc., diverse from the girl. Thus virtue is triumphant, etc., diverse as the specific of the significant of

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brave soldier, who slips upon the orange peel and sits upon the milliner's hat box.

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#### Film Review.

WESTERN JUSTICE.

When the real old-fashioned Bad Man of the West cuts loose there are likely to be some pretty sultry doings, and Tenderfeet and other unfortunate bystanders would do well to make for the tall timbers until the terror of the Bad Lands has been shot or disposed of in some equally satisfactory

ing up the street with a gun in each hand proceeds to shoot up the town in approved fashion.

An Eastern Tenderfoot who has just struck the town is arranging a patent churn for exhibition on a prominent corner of the main street and does not understand the meaning of the fusillade that he hears coming down the street nor the sudden disap pearance of every one who is wise to the situation. To his cost he is soon to discover the cause, and our hilarious friend appearing around the corner compels him to dance to the music of his six-shooters without leaving breathing space or time for one false step.

These comparatively innocent actions are soon to give way to tragedy of a deeper and darker hue, in which the Bad Man appears in his really sinister and vengeful pears in his really sinsier and vengetuli character. Coming out of yet another as a character coming out of yet another save tanglefoot on board, he encounters the Town Marshal, who has been looking for him and places him under arrest. But, watching his chance, the villain suddenly shoots the officer of the law dead in his tracks, and realizing that this is a serious

tracks, and realizing that this is a serious matter, escapes, leaving his victim lying in the main street of the little town.

Farily sobered by the death only to the Martine for the Martine for the Martine for the Martine for the the outskirts of the camp, where his bronch os standing, saddled and waiting for him, and mounting in hot haste spurs madly for the foothills, hoping to gain a safe hiding place there before the pursuit, which he knows will speedily follow, can overtake knows will speedily follow, can overtake the more will speedily follow, can overtake the properties of the speedily follow, can overtake the speedily follow.

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The deed Marshalls pretty daughter, a dais of the foothills, has heard in the dais of the foothills, has heard in the corral the Bad Man, and as he does not return at the usual noon hour, becomes frightened and getting her horse goes out to look for him. She finds him at last in estreet where he was left. Vengeance on the accursed murderer naturally takes full possession of her, and having first had her father's body reverently placed in shelter, she saddles her horse and riding as only a Western girl can ride calls her friends and neighbors to avenge the crime, and enlisting the assistance of the County Sheriff, the pursuit is on.

Sheriff, the pursuit is on.
With a good start, the murderer first fears no pursuit and thinks complacently of the near approaching hills affording numerous places for "hiding up" until all trouble is over. But the avengers of blood are well on his trail and closer than he would believe at all possible, realizing which terror lends speed to his flight and occarronally fring behind to deter his nur-

velously sensational and stirring chase; fore a corner fakir with an electric the riders are men who have practically battery attracts his attention. He to lived in the saddle for years and to whom shock, and while held captive by the every trick of horsemanship is an open The most difficult and dangerous book. passes are negotiated with masterful ease and through all the girl herself, who in-spired the chase, keeps well in the fore-front and gives an exhibition of horseman-ship which words cannot fairly portray. Nearer and nearer draw the pursuers and

seeing that he must soon be overtaken, the The saloon usually furnishes the motive villain resorts to strategy to cover his which inspires the "doings" in case of this filled with tourists and turning loose his kind. After filling himself up with deviation with tourists and turning loose his kind. After filling himself up with deviation with tourists and turning loose his men, the leaves the thirst parfor and starting up the street with a gau in each had while he lies, hidden under the seat. Almost at once they meet the sheriff's band of horsemen who stop the carriage, but are told that the man they are pursuing has gone on, and as soon as they are safely passed the murderer leaves the carriage and secretes himself in the underbrush at the roadside congratulating himself that all danger for him is now past.

But one of the tourists is quick to see the opportunity and immediately jumps from the carriage and running back man-ages to attract the attention of the sheriff's party and indicate the fugitive's hiding place. Horses are abandoned to pursue the criminal over still more hazardous trails

criminal over still more hazardous traiss and a chase on foot begins once more.

At length he is at bay. A single member of the company has finally cornered him and this time it is man to man, but again he makes his escape to leave behind him another blood-stained victim, although a still considerable by the complete of the company of

The Bad Man makes his last stand; availing himself of the shelter afforded by the deserted shepherd's hut on the side of the mountain, a desperate fight ensues in which the murderer finally gets his deserts and is shot through the heart. The last scene showing the dead body tied securely across his horse's back and being taken down the mountain side for burial, while the poor girl follows with her companions having at least the satisfaction of knowing that she has brought her father's murderer to quick and adequate punishment for his crime.

This picture is particularly interesting not only on account of its dramatic fea-tures, the exciting incidents, and the beau-tiful scenery in which the scene is laid, but the perfect photographic results which have

## RUBE BROWN IN TOWN.

Reuben Brown, as he plodded on the farm in New Jersey, had one longing, and that was to see New York. With determination he hoarded his earnings until he accumulated quite a roll, and the great day arrives when he bids the old folks a fond adieu and starts Bowery-ward. New York !—at last his wildest dreams are to be realized. He emerges from the ferry and is taken care of by a benevolent cab-driver, who carries him to a select hostelry, noted for entertaining the Jersey "come-on." Here his troubles begin when he uncovers his roll and peels off a bill to pay his fare; sionally firing behind to deter his pur- but cabbies never make change, so he is of the boy following the trail of the pies suers he prepares for the race of his life. "stung," From here he starts on a "per- of peel left around see here the season of the wildest and most beautiful figuring cab riding an expensive luxury, some of the wildest and most beautiful figuring cab riding an expensive luxury, seement that can be found in the foothill adopts as his mode of transportation him to a horse trough, and dip him bere country gives an opportunity for a mar- "Shanke' Mare." He hasn't gone far be: to the dight of the boy, who wander of the start gone far be:

battery attracts his attention. He tresshock, and while held captive by the erful current, a boy makes off with gripsack. Finally breaking away, he chase and regains his property. chase and regams his property. Neuronal hind him cavorting in that heterogram haven for hilarious hayseeds—The Bournimiammed, b'gosh—as I live, a "lora Further on, he approaches a dime muse in front of which a lion-lunged ballyta extols in alluring terms the wonders alive and on the inside." Rube enters while in the curio hall he falls in the last of a professor of phrenology; but when comes to paying for this little attention hereceives several bumps not recorded on the professor's chart. Rube finds the Bowel too swift, so hies himself to Central Pari where he finds motor cars more difficult dodge than haywagons. In an uptown re-taurant he receives the final jab, when h is done by a young lady whose check be pays. The waiter gives him short change pays. The waiter gives him short chappeand when he seeks redress he is throw out of the place, and we finally see in making for the ferry. The boat has jut left the slip and the gates are closed, but Rube tries to climb over in his stre endeavors to get back to the farm.

#### THE ORANGE PEEL

GAUMONT.

The title of this film is very effective made with pieces of orange peel, scattered about a board, seemingly drawn by manetic attraction one towards another, unit still pursued by the remainder of the Orange Peel appears on the screen. Its sheriff's party still more enraged by the a boy is seen buying an orange which is discovery of the dead body of their comcommences to peel, dropping each piece is dead on the trail. orange skin on the pavement in carels-ness. An old gentleman approaches, sin on the peel, and in falling brings down in nicely arranged shelves of the fruiter, scattering the fruit in all directions on the sidewalk. A chimney sweep with brushe and bag of soot comes whistling along path his foot on a piece of peel, and falls. A gentleman with white vest, frock coat and silk hat is immediately behind the sweep and receives the brush full on his dest. blackening with soot the immaculate was and tie. A quarrel ensues, the sweep apologizes, and seeing the plight of the other two, explains that he also fell. The agree to go after and punish the culpul A milliner's assistant with box pauses the her, shoe lace, when a passing solder line and in falling tee her, shoe lace, when a passing solder slips and in falling smashes the box wit the well trimmed hat to the constenates of the girl. They also, join in the har for the boy. A market woman with a bor of eggs is seen busily engaged in well same. The boy passes, dropman waites preserved to the constraint of the con-petence of the constraint of the con-petence of the con-tribution of the con do a thing to the eggs. Nurse girls are seen with their charges; the boy and per appear on the scene. An old woman with a basket of oranges is coming up the step of an area, followed by a dustman, who reaching the top slips on the peel, drops his barrel of ashes on a baby, to the horns of the nurse maid, who rushes off with her charge. The boy comes before a got ner charge. The boy comes before a ger who is eating an orange, drops a piec of peel at his feet, and is called back as feetured on his carelessness. The victim of the boy following the trail of the piec of peel left around see here the macalmly enjoying his orange. Believing that the better clients there are more him came.

#### HUMORS OF AMATEUR GOLF PLAYERS.

TIRRAN.

Shows a party of amateurs at the game golf. The caddy places the ball for one, goth. The cauty places the ball for one, of then has to show how to do it. In sefforts to give the ball a good swing, puts more exertion than usual into his puts more exertion than usual into his more. Missing the ball, the heavy golf ick swings around, bangs a corpulent ediciman pat on the stomach, and rolls in over. By degrees the amateurs get in en ma and the ball goes merrily on. Compute to a brook, the boys try to leap over but fall in the water; shaking off the user as they go, they come to a lane filled eith order tress; by steady work the ball airr as they go, they come to a tane filled th cedar trees; by steady work the ball bes through. Then after a while we see the party tumbling pell mell down an eme party tumbling pell mell down an em-amment. Dropping over a wall into a arsh the boys poke fun at one or two of e players, who in their efforts to strike e ball, splash themselves with mud. Fin-ly coming to a stile, they find difficulty disloging the ball from under the step here it is knocked into the woodland interpretation of the step that the knocked into a tree, and is lodged in e fork of the branches. A player now mbs the tree, and after making some efort to dislodge the ball he knocks it into or to dislodge the Dall ne Kilocks it had stream, where an old gentleman makes am efforts to hit the bill, trips himself and falls into the water amidst the laughter t his companions. In disgust he gives a nod lunge and sends the ball into the ud, splashing himself from head to foot. and, splashing himself from head to foot, wades out, whing himself and shaking the water from his garments. A group to bost pring to find the ball, jump into a stream, climb a bank, and disturb a de of sleep, which they scatter in all sections, and in scrambling for it they and jostle one another and a fight

#### A HOBO HERO. KALEM.

A gentlemanly looking and fastidious too, by name Percy, is seen emerging ma a plank bed between buffers under-eath a freight car, carefully dusts himself,

tarranges his tie, and lighting a cigar, bietly and leisurely walks away. A Tramp's Roost is seen with a weary Willie trying to clean up things by spitting a nold rag and rubbing it over the tinare. Presently a forlorn specimen of huarity appears and joins him, and eviatility in the specimen of the s ently in reply to a question, grimaces and olefully shakes his head, at the same time olefully shakes his head, at the same time implaying his empty pockets to still furmentance his bad luck, receiving the commiscrations of his companion. To see two cometh Percy, carrying a beer and is received joylully, and they accept the heal taps left in the keg, the companion of the compa e astonishment of his companions, hands the one each, which they proceed to sam-the. They then put their heads together and decide on a foraging expedition to the

all he comes to place where the old peril. They reconnoiter the roost and frame, wrecking the glass and emerging the coast clear, boist with the frame around his neck. They reconnoited the roost and frame, wrecking the glass and emerging frame, which the frame around his neck. So the window and he opens the catch of the door. Entering, he shortly old washerwoman with a basket of clothes appears with a fine chicken, which he hands, and is still reading. to one. Re-entering, he returns with an-other, which he also hands out. The farmer to one. Re-entering, he returns with another, which he also hands out. The farmer a greet's shop and is pelted out of the and his help now appear on the scene, the picture by the shop boy. others flee, leaving Percy in the hands of his captors, who at once proceed to vigoring the read with a truck load of tims when the read with a truck load of tims when the proceeds the missing the read with a truck load of tims when the read with the re in response to her summons the farm hands appear to dinner. Two of the trio hearing the horn also appear, expecting a back door hand out, which does not materialize. They lie in wait to see what they can pick up. Soon the mistress of the house places some pies out on a table at the back door to cool. The two tramps are cogitating how to help themselves when Percy appears to the tool. He Soon the mistress of the house places pears and is at once put on the job. He goes to the door, asks assistance, and is referred. He takes the pies off the table, hands one each to his companions, and is enjoying the last himself when the mistress enjoying the last himself when the mistress papears for them, and seeing the state of affairs, cries out to those within. The farm hands, finding they have lost their dessert, proceed to belabor the trio and A girl is seen rowing a boat down the river, and getting into difficulties, she, trying to change her seat, upsets the boat of falls into the water. Her screams bring the trans trio to the suot. Percy throws the tramp trio to the spot. Percy throws off coat and plunges in the river to the girl's assistance, and swims to her, while his companions applaud his efforts from the bridge. The farm hands have now reached the scene and help Percy and the girl up the embankment and through the fence, where the mother of the girl is waiting to receive her and her rescuer, who receives the congratulations and thanks of them who a short while before were pummelling him for stealing their pies. They take the pair to the farmhouse, where nothing is too good for Percy, who graciously accepts their homage, their food, liquor and cigars, and he is having the time of his life when his eistwhile comrades come cautionsly

round the corner of the house, and beseech him to give them of his bounteous store, but he has had enough of them and bids them begone. They appeal to him for sake of bygone days to think of them now. Percy scorns them for not helping him out of the river; they brush his boots, fawn.

out of the river; they brush his occur, upon him, all to no purpose, and as the farm hands are bringing other good things to him they slink away. The girl now appears to him they slink away. to him they slink away. The girl now appears, and Percy is indeed on velvet, for she falls in his arms, and gives herself to him who proved a hero in saving her life.

> BERTIE'S LOVE LETTER. WILLIAMS, BROWN & EARLE.

front door of a house where a postman is seen to deliver a letter to Bertie. It is from his fiance, and pressing it fondly to his lips, he walks off reading it intently.

2. Passing through the garden he is so engrossed with the contents of the letter

that he falls over the gardener, who re-wards him with showers of water from

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3. Still rapturously reading he runs into a maid hanging up clothes in the garden, a maid far chickens, decide to watch the clothes in a wiful confusion, takes no notice and incompanies and incompanies and incompanies with the watch the clothes in a wiful confusion, takes no notice with the companies and the companies with the companies with the companies and the companies and the companies and the companies are the companies are the companies and the companies are the companies are the companies and the companies are the companies and the companies are the companies and the companies are the companies are the companies and the companies are the companies are the companies are the companies and the companies are the companies and the companies are the companies

6. He falls foul of a box of eggs outside

with a clergyman, who after a big tumble hands Bertie a tract.

9. He next meets a sweep whom he recipitates into the road, getting very black in the resulting struggle, but the letter still claims his attention

retter still claims his attention.

10. A painter is now seen outside a house hard at work, when Bertie, seeing, nothing but his love letter, which he rapturously kisses, walks into the ladder, upsetting same and getting smothered by the paint, which descends on his unfortunate head.

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"The entertainments enjoyed at the moving picture exhibitions," said President Nicola Seraphine of the Moving Picture Exhibitors' Association to our representative when interviewed on June 25, 1907, "are distinctly original, clean and educational. The ocean of humanity that surges in the heart of Greater New York must be provided with means of wholesome entertainment. No narrow policy in any line can long survive in New York. Many people from all the civilized countries of the world with all their varying habits, customs and tastes form our population. These people, as indeed all people, can learn more rapidly from pictures than from the written words in the books. A picture talks all languages. The rare beauty of the simplest home touches the heart of all classes and creeds. A great majority of the moving pictures retain something connected with the home. The human heart goes out to these pictures because they recall scenes that are dear to the poorest patron of these shows. Surely an agency that draws out all that is good in human nature and shows the disastrous effect of wrongdoing is an agency that makes for good citizenship, higher education and better morals. The spirit of the times everywhere is 'rapid transit.' The mind was made to rule over matter. The magnificent benefits that flow from the artistic art which we call moving pictures have not as yet been fully appreciated, but in time moving pictures will be recognized to their true value.

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